

Kerry J. Allen Scholarship Award

Introduction

“Building Today’s Christian Youth For Tomorrow’s Future”

The Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. National Sunday School and HYM Congress Scholarship Board was established in August 1998 at the National Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, to raise funds for scholarships for our youth. The Board is committed to invest in our Youth to promote higher education, life long learners, and a spiritual commitment to participate in our Sunday School and HYM as we approach the next century and millennium.

The Kerry J. Allen Scholarship Board supports academic excellence and spiritual growth for the survival of our Sunday School and HYM in the 21st Century. Additionally, we support the Church of Christ (Holiness’) Strategic Plan to both increase its membership, and retain its youth.

To accomplish this vision, we solicit your support to communicate to the local churches our goal and purpose. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 per year to provide scholarships for some of our Youth attending Sunday School and HYM. The purpose is to promote higher education and a commitment to our Sunday School and HYM. The Scholarship Award Criteria and Application Form follow this introduction.

The Board extends a hearty thanks for your participation as we press toward the mark of the higher calling in Christ Jesus.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are always accepted and appreciated. Any church or individual who wishes to make a contribution can mail their donation to:

Make Ck. To: Congress Scholarship Fund
 c/o: Bro. William Sherman, Treasurer
 P. O. Box 1863
 Conway, AR 72033

Additional information will be made available upon request. We solicit your prayers and support that God may continue to bless us in this endeavor.

Brother Kerry J. Allen
Scholarship Board Chairman

Minister Vonzell Castilla
National Congress President

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

The Kerry J. Allen Scholarship is being provided annually on behalf of a national board of benefactors and contributors from the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. Scholarships will be awarded each year at the National Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. Congress Convention. Applicants applying for the Kerry J. Allen Scholarship must compete on four levels: **Local, District, Diocese and National**. At each level, one applicant will be recognized, and at the National Congress Convention awards of deliberated amounts, by the Board, will be awarded to designated recipients. The final decision of awards received will be made by the Board.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The score value indicated in each area represents the maximum points possibly received in that particular category.

1. **REQUIREMENTS:** In order to apply for this award, applicant must meet all of the following requirements:
 - ◆ Must be an active member of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.;
 - ◆ Must be an active member of their Local Sunday School and/or H.Y.M.;
 - ◆ Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 from high school or college;
 - ◆ Must be a graduating high school senior or a full-time college student;
 - ◆ Must agree to become a scholarship financial benefactor upon completion of college career by giving annually to this award and becoming an Alumni contributor, and assist in fund raising endeavors.

THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 20 POINTS

2. **DOCUMENTATION:** Applicant must present the following:
 - ◆ Copy of high school or college transcript;
 - ◆ Letter of Recommendation from Pastor;

- ◆ Letter of Recommendation from Sunday School Superintendent or H.Y.M. Group Leader;
- ◆ Letter of Recommendation from High School Principal, College Counselor or Teacher; and
- ◆ An application signed by both the District and Diocese Congress Presidents respectively.

THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 20 POINTS

3. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Applicants must list their accomplishments, i.e., activity participation, offices held and awards in the following areas (during their high school and college years only):

- ◆ Church involvement;
- ◆ Honors and Awards;
- ◆ Extracurricular Activities; and
- ◆ Community Involvement

THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 20 POINTS

4. **ESSAY:** Each applicant must write an Essay, not to exceed 300 words typed and double spaced, on how they plan to give back to the Community and Church upon completion of their education, and provide a 3x5 photo.

THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 30 POINTS

5. **INTERVIEW:** Each applicant will receive an interview of the Scholarship Committee on each level. In the event that an applicant is unable to attend the National Congress, a proxy may be considered for hardship cases.

THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 30 POINTS

SCORING CHECKLIST
(To be completed by Judges)

The score value indicated in each area represents the maximum points possibly received in that particular category.

Area I - REQUIREMENTS
(Maximum of 20 Points)

- Active member of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. _____ (4 Points)
- Active member of Local Sunday School and/or H.Y.M. _____ (4 Points)
- Have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 from High School or College _____ (4 Points)
- A graduating High School Senior or a Full-time College Student _____ (4 Points)
- Agrees to become a Scholarship Financial Benefactor upon completion of college career by giving annually to this award _____ (4 Points)

REQUIREMENTS SCORE _____

Area II- DOCUMENTATION
(Maximum of 20 Points)

- High School or College Transcript _____ (4 Points)
- Letter from Pastor _____ (4 points)
- Letter from Superintendent or Group Leader _____ (4 Points)
- Letter from Principal, Counselor or Teacher _____ (4 Points)
- Signatures from both the District and Diocese Congress Presidents _____ (4 Points)

DOCUMENTATION SCORE _____

Area III- ACCOMPLISHMENTS
(Maximum of 20 Points)
(Senior High School and College Years Only)

Church Involvement (5 Points)

Total Church Involvement _____

Extracurricular Activities (5 Points)

Total Extracurricular _____

Honors/Awards (5 Points)

Total Honors/Awards _____

Community Involvement (5 Points)

Total Community Involvement _____

Area IV ESSAY
(Maximum of 30 Points)

Content _____ **(10 Points)**
Development of Theme _____ **(10 Points)**
Sentence Structure _____ **(5 Points)**
Punctuation _____ **(5 Points)**
ESSAY SCORE _____

Area V INTERVIEW
(Maximum of 30 Points)

Presentation _____ **(15 points)**
Ability to Communicate Effectively _____ **(15 points)**
INTERVIEW SCORE _____
OVERALL SCORE _____