

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
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**ALBERT S. STOUT, SR.
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
GUIDELNES AND APPLICATION**

**HOOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
2019 – 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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INTRODUCTION

Bishop George W. C. Walker, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the Piedmont Episcopal District of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, founded the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. He announced the formation of this memorial scholarship and the members of the committee at the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Luncheon on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, during the 115th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference that was held at Steele Creek A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to undergraduate, full-time students at Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina. The fund will maintain two (2) types of scholarships: merit and financial assistance. These scholarships will be awarded each semester beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year.

As a direct result of Bishop Walker's appeal to expand The Albert Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarships to students attending Hood Theological Seminary, the scholarship committee on October 10, 2007 established a formula to fund these scholarship applications for Financial Assistance beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year.

Financial Assistance

- Eligibility Criteria:
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.
 - Accepted/enrolled and matriculating as a full-time student in the MTS, M.Div. or D.Min. Programs at Hood Theological Seminary.
 - Documentation supporting exemplary leadership providing services and/or advocacy for the human rights of those marginalized because of poverty, race or ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, or any other reason.
 - Member in good standing of The A.M.E. Zion Church, as per the latest edition of the Book of Discipline of the A.M.E. Zion Church.
- Amount of Award: Up to \$1,500.00 per **semester**.
(The scholarship award will be given to the institution in the name of the recipient. The student will not receive cash.)
- Number of Awards per Year: One award per semester with additional awards based upon availability of funds.
- Application Process: Applicants must submit the following documents to the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee:
- Completed Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Application.
 - Financial Aid documents, if applicable.

- Three (3) letters of recommendation documenting status in local church, leadership qualities, volunteer and civic services.
- Official transcript, bearing college/university/seminary seal.
- Acceptance letter to Hood Theological Seminary, new/transfer students.
- All requested information should be submitted to the designated committee.
- Applications submitted after the deadline date will not be considered.

Selection Process:

A selection committee will meet bi-annually to review applications and select the finalists. The Financial Aid Office of Hood Theological Seminary reserves the right to recommend to the selection committee a reduction in the awarded scholarship or to remove the entire scholarship from any student and return the funds to the committee if the integrity of the intent of the scholarship has been compromised. Decisions of the selection committee are final. The Scholarship Committee will notify recipients of the scholarship award.

Recipient Requirements:

Recipients must maintain a full-time student status and a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Failure to meet these requirements could result in a reduction or loss of Financial Assistance or being asked to reimburse the scholarship fund.

Deadlines:

The deadline for applications for the Fall Semester is Monday, September 16, 2019.

The deadline for applications for the Spring Semester is Monday, January 13, 2020.

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

New/ Transfer Applicants

- Completed application form, including personal statement.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope.
- Official unopened transcript from college/university/seminary with the cumulative GPA listed.
- Acceptance letter from Hood Theological Seminary, if applicable.
- Financial Aid documents, if applicable.

Contiguous Applications – No Semester Breaks

- ❑ Completed application, updates to original personal statement, if necessary.
- ❑ Three (3) letters of recommendation that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope.
- ❑ Official unopened transcript from college/university/seminary with the cumulative GPA listed.
- ❑ Financial Aid documents, if applicable.

Submit all materials together. Type or use black ink to complete application. Blue ink or pencil is not acceptable.

**Send completed application to: *Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey*
502 Ferndale Drive
*Salisbury, NC 28147***

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

First Semester Deadline – Monday, September 16, 2019

Second Semester Deadline – Monday, January 13, 2020

Please read all instructions on the application before completing. The application and all attachments become the property of the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application packet. The Scholarship Committee will assume neither responsibility for nor attempt to join materials submitted separately.

Name _____
Last First MI

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Alternate Telephone Number _____

Classification (If Applicable) _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Seminary Attending _____

Seminary Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Academic Program _____

LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEER AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

1. List the honors, awards, and scholarships received; include the year.

2. List organizations in which you have membership, and/or programs in which you have been actively involved.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Include three (3) letters of recommendation that have been sealed and signed on the flap of the envelope. These letters should be dated no earlier than June 1, 2019. They should be from persons who can attest to your character, interpersonal relationships, academic achievements, leadership and community involvement; i.e., teachers, ministers, community leaders and administrators.

BUCKLEY AMENDMENT WAIVER FORM

The **BUCKLEY AMENDMENT WAIVER FORM** that you signed with Hood Theological Seminary in compliance with federal law (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974), grants you the right to review all seminary files and documents concerning you, including letters of recommendation or evaluations written about you for the purpose of fulfilling the guidelines for the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

You may waive this right, which means that you no longer have access to letters of recommendation or evaluations written to the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Committee. We believe that the writers of these letters recommendation or evaluations are more honest and open if you do waive your right to see them. The scholarship committee would also like to use your name and/or likeness to promote scholarship recipients. Most students choose to waive their right.

Please fill out this form completely and return with your scholarship application.

I _____ do _____ do not

waive my rights under the Buckley Amendment to examine letters of recommendation written and evaluations concerning me to the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Committee.

NAME _____ DATE _____

The scholarship committee would like permission to request, from the appropriate college officials, your “directory information” including your likeness to promote the scholarship recipients. Most students choose to waive their right.

I _____ do _____ do not

give the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Committee permission to receive “directory information” and/or likeness on file from the HTS’s Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of the Dean and the Financial Aid Office.

NAME _____ DATE _____

I _____ do _____ do not

waive my rights under the Buckley Amendment to give the Albert S. Stout, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Committee permission to use “directory information” and/or likeness to promote the scholarship.

NAME _____ DATE _____

GRADUATE GOAL STATEMENT

Describe below your personal and career plans, including how this award will enhance your ability to attain these goals. DO NOT EXCEED THIS SPACE AND TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.

I certify that all information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Submitting false or inaccurate information/claims are subject to forfeiture of award.

Signature _____ Date _____