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**ALBERT S. STOUT, SR.
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
GUIDELNES AND APPLICATION**

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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 2006-2007 academic year.

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

Financial Assistance

- Eligibility Criteria: College or university graduate
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater
 - Accepted/Enrolled as a full-time student in the **M.Div.** program at Hood Theological Seminary.
 - Documentation supporting leadership qualities, volunteer and civic services.
 - Member in good standing 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.
 - Evidence of financial need.

- 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. To insure fairness and objectivity, this will be a blind process (without knowledge of the identity of the applicant).

- 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:

Applications will be accepted for the Fall Semester from August 1st through August 30th.

Applications will be accepted for the Spring Semester from January 2nd through January 30th.

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

- 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.

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

**Send completed application to: Mrs. Betty M. Lackey
802 Eastside Drive
Statesville, North Carolina 28625**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

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.

Name _____

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, 2008. 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.

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 _____