



The Charles E. Manuel/Ethelind Simmons Stroud Scholarship



INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND
THE CHARLES E. MANUEL/ETHELIND SIMMONS STROUD SCHOLARSHIP

Brother Charles E. Manuel and Sister Ethelind S. Stroud were long time members of Beaver Creek African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (now known as Simon Temple A.M.E.Z.) from the 1920s through 1988.

Bro. Manuel was a Christian whose devotion to the welfare of this church knew no boundaries. He was employed as a civil service worker at Fort Bragg and also worked as a custodian at MacPherson Presbyterian Church on Cliffdale Road.

In our church, he served in several capacities, including such positions as: Chairman of the Trustee Board, Superintendent of the Sunday School Program, President of the Usher Board, President of the Booster Club, Program Committee Director, and was a member of the Men of Distinction club. His daughter, Romalia (Bonnie) Manuel Young, is still an active member here at Simon Temple.

Sis. Ethelind Simmons Stroud served as the only pianist (and choir director) for our church for many years. She served as a Girl Scout leader and a Youth Director. Sis. Stroud was an educator for more than 40 years and retired from teaching at William H. Owen Elementary School, on Raeford Road in 1973.

During the early Integration Era, she took a stand for the African-American teachers at her school. These teachers were not selected to be on any of the school committees, but Sis. Stroud's enduring work brought about a change in that process. They were able to become committee members and some even became chairpersons. The *old directory* on the left side of the front of the New Fellowship hall bears her name and is a lasting memory of who she was as a person.

Bro. Manuel and Sis. Stroud have gone on to their final reward and Simon Temple A.M.E.Z. Church is proud to have our scholarship bear the names of two such hard-working Christians.

The Charles E. Manuel/Ethelind Simmons Stroud Scholarship

The Simon Temple AME Zion Church recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, service to community, and the desire to pursue higher education through its annual scholarship awards. Scholarships are awarded to church members who are currently enrolled in a traditional high school, private school, military academy, or FTCC. Recipients of the scholarship must pursue a post-secondary education at a community college or a four-year college/university. Members are eligible to apply up to age 21. *Currently enrolled students are not eligible.* You must be entering your 1st semester or quarter. Recipients are eligible to receive a one-time award of \$500 per semester for two semesters.

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?

1. Individuals who have been active members of the Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church for one full year at the time of application. The Administrative staff will confirm the membership status.

-For individuals who are from military families and have been at Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church for less than a year, a letter from your previous church can be submitted. Please note, this information will be verified through our church office.

2. Members who are current high school seniors, who have been accepted to a post-secondary institution, and have been actively involved in Sunday School, church ministries, and other Youth Department activities for at least one full year at the time of application. (Some examples might include Joshua Generation, Daughters of Excellence, the choir, usher, hospitality team, parking lot team, praise dancers, etc.)

3. Applicants must submit all required documentation: application, letter of acceptance, forms verifying participation in church organizations, and a typed essay.

4. Must have a G.P.A of 2.0 or greater.

5. Must be a member in good standing which includes; completion of all three new member's classes and have paid Kingdom Support Fee (\$15).
6. Applicants must place all application materials in a sealed envelope.

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH ALL REQUIRED
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE DUE BY

7:00 p.m., May 1, 2018

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Additional Scholarship applications with instructions and forms are available in the front office or online.

The Selection Criteria

An applicant must:

- Earn a high school diploma or GED and be accepted to a post-secondary institution.
- Have consistent participation in church activities/auxiliaries. Applicants must participate in Joshua Generations or Daughters of Excellence each month. These auxiliaries are designed to discuss and address modern day youth issues and concerns. They also provide the youth with an opportunity to contribute to their community through feeding the homeless or beautifying the area by keeping the area free of trash and debris. Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation signed by a ministry leader or administrative assistant who is familiar with the individual's participation.

Please submit a completed and properly signed verification form along with your application. Verification form is included with the packet.

- Be involved in community organizations/activities. Letters of recommendation from each community organization/activity must be

submitted on official letterhead. A completed and properly signed verification form must be submitted with *each* letter of recommendation.

- Submit a typed essay that responds to the selected topic. It must be a well written essay that will also exhibit your understanding of grammar, syntax, and the overall mechanics/format of an essay.
- Must be seeking a degree and enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours. The scholarship does not pay for continuing education classes.
- Must submit all final grades from previous semester or quarter to Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Scholarship committee to qualify for second disbursement in the spring semester. A GPA of 2.0 or higher is required to receive second disbursement.

******This scholarship is a one (1) time award (Fall/Spring).***

Delayed entry into college after high school forfeits the scholarship.

A complete application packet must include the following:

- ✓ The scholarship application with all sections completed
- ✓ An official copy of high school transcript in a sealed envelope or an official copy of the GED certificate
- ✓ A letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution
- ✓ A letter of recommendation and completed verification form documenting participation and involvement in church/youth department activities.
- ✓ Letter(s) of recommendation and completed verification form for *each* letter of recommendation documenting participation and involvement in community organizations/activities.
- ✓ Typed essay

Transcript/ GED certificate

An official copy of a high school transcript or an official copy of the GED certificate must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

Letter of Acceptance from a College/University

A copy of the letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution where you plan to attend must be attached with your application.

Letters of Recommendation

1. **Church Participation.** Please submit one letter of recommendation from the Youth Minister, administrative assistant or any other church ministry leader in which you are active, documenting your level of participation and involvement in church/youth department activities. The letter of recommendation can be obtained from persons on the local, district or conference level. Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation signed by a ministry leader or administrative assistant who is familiar with the individual's participation. Please submit a

completed and properly signed verification form along with your application.

2. **Community Involvement.** Letters of recommendation from *each* community organization/activity must be submitted on official letterhead. The letter should detail the amount of hours and your participation with each group. A completed and properly signed verification form must be submitted with *each* letter of recommendation

The Essay

Please attach a typewritten essay on either topic:

Question 1: What has been the one experience during your participation in Simon Temple activities that you will take with you and use as part of your college journey?

Question 2: How will you continue to nurture your spiritual development while in college?

The essay must contain 500-1500 words, double spaced, with numbered pages, and 1-inch margin, using *Times New Roman* or *Arial font*. In addition, a cover page must be included.

Essays will be evaluated according to these categories: usage and mechanics, clarity and coherence, adherence to theme, and inclusion of adequate details.

The Pastor, Executive Trustees, Associate Pastor(s), Senior Elder(s) and Scholarship Committee reserve the right to make any changes deemed necessary. If and when changes are made, you will be notified.

Application

Instructions:

Please complete the entire application. Type or print information using *blue* or *black* ink. All questions must be answered for the application to be considered for the scholarship.

Last Name First Name MI

Street Address Apt/Lot

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell or Alternate Phone

Email address: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. How long have you been a member of Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church? ____

2. Please list all church ministries, or activities in which you participate.

Ministry/Activity	Date (If Applicable)
Ex. Daughters of Excellence – Back to School Seminar	August 23, 2014

* A letter of recommendation and verification must be submitted

3. List the name(s) of the institution(s) where you have applied.

4. Have you been accepted by an accredited institution? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please list the institution(s).

5. List the name and address of the institution you plan to attend this fall.

Name of Institution

City

State

Zip

6. List the community organizations/activities that you are a member of or have participated in. For each organization/activity include a letter from the organization detailing the amount(s) of hours and your participation as well as a completed verification form must be submitted

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Applicant Signature

Date

Application Deadline:

May 1, 2018

**No later than 7:00pm
Simon Temple Scholarship Committee**

Applicant Checklist

Thank you for applying for a scholarship offered by Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. Please submit the completed application package to the Office of Youth Development no later than May 1, 2018 by 7:00pm. Place your completed application package in a sealed envelope; and put it in the designated box located in the church office.

Please complete the checklist below, making certain that you have submitted all required materials.

- Completed application WITH signature
- Official high school transcript or copy of GED certificate in a sealed envelope
- Letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
- Letter of recommendation from the Youth Minister/Ministry Leader or administrative assistant, indicating your consistent participation in church activities, including length of time
- Letter(s) of recommendation from community organizations/activities
- Verification Forms for each letter of recommendation submitted
- Typed essay that is consistent

Please include this form with your application materials.

I have submitted all required materials as a part of my scholarship packet.

Applicant Signature

Date