



ST JAMES UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CATHERINE A. DAVIS MEMORIAL BOOK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

APPLICATION

Application package must be submitted directly to Scholarship Committee c/o Carolyn Celestine, 12111 W 82nd Terrace, Lenexa, KS 66215, rccelestine@att.net by June 30, 2025.

Applicant Name _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address if different _____

Home Telephone _____ Alternate Phone _____

High School _____ Phone _____

College attending next school term _____

Attach a typed personal statement telling us why you should be considered for a book scholarship. Your comments cannot exceed 200 words

Please check either Yes or NA for each item below

DECLARATION of APPLICANT STATUS	Yes	NA	ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST	Yes	NA
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an African American female			<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of cumulative GPA		
<input type="checkbox"/> I reside in a female-headed single parent household			<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of college/university acceptance		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of St. James United Methodist Church			<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of recommendation		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been attending St. James for at least one year			<input type="checkbox"/> Form documenting participation in ministry		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have actively participating in a St. James ministry			<input type="checkbox"/> Form from school/employer stating applicant unavailability for ongoing ministry participation		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an unwed mother			<input type="checkbox"/> A typed personal statement		

I understand it is the intent only one Catherine A. Davis Memorial Book Scholarship to be awarded each year. I recognize the application process is competitive and each application is subject to committee review and consideration.

Signature of Applicant Date Signature of Parent/Guardian Date



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**ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VERIFICATION OF CHURCH PARTICIPATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant name: _____
is applying for a book scholarship award. Please verify that this applicant has been an active participant in your ministry.

Name of ministry: _____

Number of years _____ or _____ number of months applicant has been involved in your group.

Yes _____ Applicant has been involved in an ongoing manner in the life of this ministry.

No* _____ Applicant has not been able to fully participate in this ministry because of unavoidable time demands made by school activities or an employer. Nevertheless, the applicant has demonstrated a desire, commitment and contribution to this ministry whenever possible.

Signature of group leader/coordinator _____ Date _____

***If "no" is checked, applicant must have information below completed by high school representative or employer.**

SCHOOL/EMPLOYMENT WAIVER

Please verify the applicant named above has been involved in either a school activity or work schedule that precluded ongoing participation in a church ministry. Thank you very much.

____ Yes, the above-named applicant's activities at school were very demanding and may have coincided with the regularly scheduled church ministry activities.

____ Yes, the above-named applicant's scheduled work hours may have coincided with the regularly scheduled church ministry activities.

Signature

Title

Organization

Date



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APPLICANT FAQs

What is the purpose of the scholarship?

To help young women attain a four-year undergraduate degree at a college or university by providing financial assistance for the purchase of books.

What is the amount of the scholarship? Five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Who is eligible to apply? Any African American female who is:

- ❖ A member of St. James United Methodist Church.
- ❖ An active participant in one or more ministries for a one-year period of time prior to application submission, such as:
 - St. James Youth Group
 - St. James Usher Board
 - St. James Church School Class or Bible Study

St. James Choir
Praise Propulsion

Active participation will be determined and must be substantiated by the leader/coordinator of the ministry. *The prerequisite of ongoing participation will only be waived if the applicant provides the appropriate form issued by the St. James United Women in Faith and completed by a school/employment representative substantiating involvement in essential/mandatory work or school activity.*

- ❖ Recipient must be a high school graduate with a minimum documented GPA of 3.0 or higher.

What will be involved in deciding who is awarded the scholarship? Only one scholarship will be awarded each year. Preference will be given, but not limited to—

- ❖ Applicant who has been accepted and will attend either
 - A United Methodist college;
 - Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri; or
 - A historically black college or university.
- ❖ Applicant is from a single parent home with a female head of household.
- ❖ Applicant is an unwed mother.

What is the last date an application can be submitted? The St. James United Women in Faith's unit must receive the application package by **June 30, 2025**.

Tell me everything I need to submit to apply for the scholarship.

- ❖ Completed application.
- ❖ Typed personal statement that is 200 words or less.
- ❖ Letter of recommendation not to exceed one page in length.
- ❖ Form documenting participation in a St. James ministry.
- ❖ *If applicable, form completed by school/employer verifying existence of situation that restricted ongoing ministry participation.*
- ❖ Proof of GPA.
- ❖ Proof of acceptance at college or university.