



St. James United Methodist Church

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Dear Saint:

St. James United Methodist Church and the Christian Education Ministry would like to extend our congratulations on your impending high school graduation. We know that pursuing a higher education can be both challenging and exciting. So to help with the financial challenges, the Chestene M. Carter Scholarship is offered by St. James UMC to promote and support higher education opportunities for United Methodist High School graduates.

St. James UMC will award scholarships up to a maximum of \$3,000 to graduating high school seniors who are members of the church and meet the guidelines as stated in this application package. Listed below are the details pertaining to completing the process. **All completed applications must be submitted by, Sunday, March 28, 2010 by 2:00 p.m.**

Please adhere to the following requirements in completing your application package:

1. All enclosed documents require type or print using black ink when completing the application.
2. Student Essay: Submit a two (2) page double space typewritten essay, in your own words.
3. Provide a copy of an acceptance letter or proof of registration from the institution you plan to attend.
4. A reference is required from a school official and/or one from a ministry chair or non-family member.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Christian Education Ministry at (678) 762-1543 Ext. 233 or via email at christianed@stjamesumc.org.

In His Service,

Clifton W. Marshall
Christian Education Chair

BIOGRAPHY OF: Chestene M. Carter

This scholarship has been named in honor of Chestene M. Carter. She is a long time resident of Alpharetta, Georgia. Sister Carter attended elementary and high school in Alpharetta, graduating from Bailey Johnson High as Valedictorian. She also attended Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia and was helped by a partial United Methodist scholarship.

Sister Carter has been a lifetime member of St. James United Methodist Church. She was baptized as an infant and at the age of 12, she made the personal decision to follow Christ. Sister Carter has held the chairmanship of every ministry in the church and continues to be a devoted servant.

Sister Carter states, "I am still learning about God and His Will for my life. The church family gave and bestowed an honor upon me by renaming this scholarship in my name. In my heart, all my life I believe that God has called me to teach and work in areas of children and youth. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I will try to maintain honor, patience, an open mind, and integrity so this scholarship will be one of the best in the world to always honor Christ."

She continues to dedicate her life to service in the Kingdom.

Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

1. All applicants should have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better, or demonstrate a spirit of excellence in church and/or community.
2. Students must be ACTIVE* member of St. James UMC.
3. The applicant must show evidence that after graduating from high school, he/she will be attending a college, university, or other institutions of higher learning, e.g. vocational or trade school.
4. **Church Affiliation and Community Service** (For example, participation in St. James UMC Hosea Feed the Hungry, choir, etc.)
5. One (1) **letter of recommendation** from an organization guidance counselor or teacher or one from a ministry chair or non-family member.
6. Students must include a copy of an official¹ transcript from the student's high school when applying for a scholarship.
7. All applications for a scholarship will be screened and decided by the St. James Christian Education Scholarship Committee.
8. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
9. Completed applications MUST be turned in by the designated date and time in order to be considered. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. The due date for the 2010 Scholarship packages is **Sunday, March 28, 2010 by 2 pm.**

* *Active is defined as being active in the community and church. The applicant must be a regular worshiper at St. James UMC and engaged in ministry. (E.g. Bible Study, Sunday School, Choir, or the Food Drive)*

¹ A copy is acceptable, but the copy must be of an official transcript (No screenshots, downloads or printouts).



Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

GENERAL INFO:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternative Phone: _____

Father's (Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

Mother's (Guardian) Name: _____ Email: _____

Siblings' Name(s) and Age(s): _____

COLLEGE INFO:

List top two college choices: *(a minimum of one acceptance letter/proof or registration is required)*

College 1: _____ **College 2:** _____

Major Area of Study: _____ Expected Entry Date: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFO:

High School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Name(s) of newspapers in your area (local, regional): _____



Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

Please List in details all extra Curricular Activities and Community Involvement:

List clubs, organizations and the year of participation. Make note of those in which you've held a leadership position (*e.g. chairperson or president*)

List all honors, awards and special recognitions:

List your church ministries, community work, or volunteer activities:

CERTIFICATION, ALL APPLICANTS:

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information on this application if requested. I give permission to the selection committee to review information on this form and my transcripts. I give permission for the selection committee to contact high school and college officials for additional academic and/or financial information. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release and photo to the regional/local newspapers or the high school publication.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date



Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

TO BE COMPLETED BY: The Applicant (Student)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicant must write a two-page essay (typed and double-spaced)

ESSAY QUESTION:

Our God is one of the past, present and future. Explain how your faith in Him has helped you reach the goal of High School Graduation; and what expectations you may have of your God in your pursuit of Excellence through out your freshman year of college?



Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

TO BE COMPLETED BY: (Guidance Department, Teacher or Principal)

I recommend that _____, a graduating senior at _____ in
(Student Name) (School Name)

City: _____ State: _____ be awarded a Chestene M. Carter Scholarship.

Student's Cumulative Grade Pont Average: _____ Scale: _____ Class Rank: _____

Reminder: Please attach student's official academic transcript *(through the latest full term)*

We are seeking information about qualities related to the applicant's potential for success in post-secondary education. Please rate the candidate below:

Check Appropriate Column for Each item Below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Leadership						
Enthusiasm						
Initiative						
Dependability						
Adaptability						
Potential for success						

Please state your comments below pertaining to the student's extracurricular activities, citizenship, and their ability to be successful.

Recommendation completed by:

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

Position

Telephone Number



Chestene M. Carter Scholarship

TO BE COMPLETED BY: (Ministry Chair or Non-Family Reference)

Student's (Applicant) Name: _____

Length of time you've know the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Check Appropriate Column for Each item Below	Superior	Above Average	Average	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Capacity for learning						
Attitude toward work						
Cooperativeness						
Leadership Abilities						
Dependability						
Potential for success						

Additional comments:

Recommendation completed by:

 Name *(Please Print)*

 Signature

 Date

 Title

 Telephone Number

