

## 2021 The Marsha Sumner Memorial Scholarship Awarded by The Pew Ministry



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**Dear Applicant:**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Congratulations on your accomplishments thus far!

The Marsha Sumner Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the life and legacy of Evangelist Marsha Sumner, who was a faithful and well respected member of Ebenezer AME Church's Pew Ministry. The mission of the Pew Ministry is to *"execute our Pastors' vision to facilitate Ebenezer members' needs as it relates to accessing the church and its various ministries."*

Evangelist Sumner's legacy, one of Godly manner, unwavering faith and a commitment of service to the community, lives on through this scholarship, as well as in the hearts of all who came to know her. This \$500.00 scholarship is to be used to subsidize the cost of a higher education, (college, professional/trade school, etc.).

On behalf of our Pastors, Reverend Dr. Grainger Browning Jr. and Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Browning, we thank you for your application but most of all, for your commitment to academic success!

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

### To be eligible for the Marsha Sumner Memorial Scholarship you must:

1. Be a member of Ebenezer AME Church, Fort Washington, MD or your parent(s)/guardian(s) are members of Ebenezer AME Church,
2. Be a minority between the ages of 16-24 years old,
3. Be a resident of Washington DC, Maryland or Virginia,
4. Begin attendance, or are currently enrolled, in a college or trade school for the Fall 2021 semester,
5. Have a G.P.A. of 2.50 or higher,
6. Submit a 250 to 500 word essay/creative writing submission on one of the following four topics:
  - a. "The Responsibilities of a Christian and Good Student",
  - b. Who was Marsha Sumner and what impact did she have on the broadcast community?
  - c. The Washington Post has on its front page its new motto, "Democracy dies in darkness," In your own words, explain what that means and if you agree or disagree., or
  - d. As a future journalist, what methods would you use to ensure integrity is maintained with news reporting?
7. Provide an official copy of your college acceptance letter, if you are entering your first year, or your unofficial college transcript if you are a returning student,
8. Provide two (2) current letters of recommendation from non-family members; one letter must be from your current school,
9. **Submit the completed application and all required supporting documentation via email to [scholarships@ebenezerame.org](mailto:scholarships@ebenezerame.org). ALL INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS ABOVE. Applications will only be accepted via email by the deadline (April 1, 2021)**

### Applicants will be rated on the following:

- Is the application package complete?
- Did the Applicant show creativity in the essay/creative writing submission?
- Did the Applicant answer/address the topic?
- Did the Applicant adhere to the word count and use proper spelling and grammar?
- Did the application package capture the scholarship committee's attention?

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**ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2021**

*Please Print or Type Information*

**1. Applicant's Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State/Zip Code

Parents/Guardian(s) Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State/Zip Code

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Family Member of Ebenezer AMEC?

Check One: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Academic Background:**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities (i.e., School, Church and Social): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. College/Institution Information:**

What type of degree/certification are you seeking?

Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide all requested information as outlined in this application NO LATER THAN  
APRIL 1, 2021

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Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Any questions or concerns should be directed to Miriamm McKinney, prior to the application deadline, at [miriamm.eb.pewministry@gmail.com](mailto:miriamm.eb.pewministry@gmail.com).**