



*2021 Rev. Dr. Donald Vails  
Memorial Scholarship*

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***Application Deadline is April 1, 2021***

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Dear Applicant:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Congratulations on your accomplishments so far! The Rev. Donald Vails Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to two members of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church who plan to further their education in the Fall of 2021 at a college or university.

This memorial scholarship is awarded to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Donald Vails, who was a renowned gospel artist, musician and pianist, and, Ebenezer's first Senior Minister of Church Worship & Music Administration. Rev. Vails also directed the Adult Choir, which was renamed the Levitical Voices of Ebenezer on January 12, 2015. His memory and anointed musicianship lives on through this scholarship as well as in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. The Levitical Voices of Ebenezer consists of approximately 250 Christian Brothers and Sisters who sing to the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On behalf of our Pastors, Reverend Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr. and Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Browning, our Choir Director, Min. Ricky Dillard, and members of the Levitical Voices of Ebenezer, we thank you for your application but most of all, we thank God for your continued success and accomplishments.

### REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for this scholarship you must:

1. Be a recorded member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church as of **June 25, 2020**
2. Begin attendance at a college or university school by the Fall of 2021
3. Complete and submit this application and a 200-word essay on *Rev. Donald Vails' contributions to gospel music and his influence on church worship.*
4. Provide a copy of your official college acceptance letter.
5. Provide two (2) 2020-2021 letters of recommendation from non-family members.
6. Submit the completed application and all required supporting documentation to [scholarships@ebenezerame.org](mailto:scholarships@ebenezerame.org) by **April 1, 2021**.

**7. 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)**

# The 2021 Rev. Dr. Donald Vails Memorial Scholarship

*The Levitical Voices of Ebenezer AME Church*

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

## 1. APPLICATION INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION)

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:**

High School/College \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

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

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High School/College activities in which you have participated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

Ebenezer Membership Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List church ministries in which you have actively participated: \_\_\_\_\_

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List community service/outreach you have done within the past four years:

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**4. SCHOOL OF CHOICE:**

Will you be attending                      Full       Part -Time

Date term begins \_\_\_\_\_

What type of degree will you be seeking?    Bachelor's       Associate's

Intended Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Total estimated cost of tuition and other fees per semester:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**5. PERSONAL:**

Name and address of parent(s) and/or guardian(s) with whom you live:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET!  
PLEASE PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION AS INSTRUCTED BY THIS APPLICATION WITHIN  
THE POSTED DEADLINE OF APRIL 1, 2021 IN ONE PDF DOCUMENT**

Any questions or concerns should be directed to:  
Bro. Wendell Martin, prior to the application deadline, at [gsutiger1989@aol.com](mailto:gsutiger1989@aol.com)