



**THE MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS
OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES**

**The Reverend Bill J. Ashley Memorial Education
Scholarship**

2019 Application Information Sheet

The Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African American Males is proud to present its third annual *The Reverend Bill J. Ashley Memorial Education Scholarship*. This scholarship honors a man who had a passionate love for God, his country, his community and his family. He served them tirelessly in many capacities. As a World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy as a First Class Seaman from 1943-1946. He was born in Louisiana, but made Michigan City his home in the early 1950's and lived and served here until his passing in 2014. He founded Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1975 and pastored there for 29 years. His community activities included: hosting the "Get Acquainted" radio ministry on WIMS Radio; President of the Northwest Indiana Ministers Conference; Michigan City Police Department Chaplain; St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chaplain; Board Member of the Michigan City Homeless Shelter; A member of Martin Luther King, Jr. Center Steering Committee; Member of the Michigan City Chapter of the NAACP; volunteer at Michigan City Area Schools. Perhaps his greatest achievement was raising 12 children with his wife of 44 years, Mrs. Clara Ashley. As an African American male in Michigan City, his life exemplified that of a mentor, encourager, counselor, teacher, friend, pastor, husband and father. Through this scholarship, his legacy shall continue to live forever.

Purpose:

To assist an African-American Male preparing to enter an accredited college/post-secondary institution with cost associated with furthering his education.

Award Amount:

\$1,000.00, as a one time award

Criteria:

- An African-American Male
- Graduating senior from public/private/home/GED school within the boundaries of Michigan City Area Schools
- Michigan City Resident
- Graduation grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0

Required Documents to be Submitted:

- Completed Application
- Sealed copy of high school transcript
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation; may be from teachers, counselors, mentors or other community members.
- Written evidence that you have been accepted into an accredited
- College/post secondary institution
- 500 words essay that describes the career goals/objectives you are pursuing, how this scholarship will help you attain it and the impact this career will have on your status as an African-American male.

- *Note: Essay must be typed and double spaced*

Deadline:

All required application documents must be submitted no later than
Friday, May 10, 2019 at 3:30pm

Scholarship winners will be announced to the Public during the regular meeting of the Social Status Commission Wednesday, June 12th MCCSSAAM meeting at 12 noon at City Hall and can be viewed on Alco on demand video, Channel 97.

Submit to:

MCCSSAAM – Scholarship
City Hall – Human Rights Department
100 East Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, IN 46360