



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

**The Reverend Bill J. Ashley Memorial Education Scholarship  
Application Information Sheet**

The Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African American Males is proud to present its second 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 Application Documents to be Submitted:**
- \*Completed Application
  - \*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  
*Essay must be typed and double spaced*
  - \*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
- Deadline:** All required application documents must be submitted no later than Friday, May 6, 2022 at 4:00pm.
- Submit to:** MCCSSAAM – Scholarship  
City Hall – Human Rights Department  
100 East Michigan Boulevard  
Michigan City, IN 46360

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**APPLICATION**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

List any achievements/honors/other scholarships received:

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\_\_\_\_\_

List any extracurricular activities:

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Post-Secondary Institution You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have proof of admittance? \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N If **yes**, attach If **no**, explain below

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_