

# **Kerry J. Allen Scholarship**

## **Introduction**

**“Building Today’s Christian Youth for Tomorrow’s Future”**

**The Church of Christ (Holiness) USA National Sunday School and HYM Congress Scholarship Board was established in August 1998 at the National Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, to raise funds for scholarships for our youth. The Board is committed to investing in our youth to promote higher education, life-long learning, and a spiritual commitment to participate in our Sunday School and HYM.**

**The Kerry J. Allen Scholarship Board supports academic excellence and spiritual growth for the survival of our Sunday School and HYM in the 21st Century. Additionally, we support the strategic plan of the Church of Christ (Holiness) to both increase its membership and retain its youth.**

**To accomplish this vision, we solicit your support to communicate to the local churches our goal and purpose. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 per year to provide scholarships for some of our youth attending Sunday School and HYM. The Scholarship Award Criteria and Application Form follow this introduction.**

**The Board extends a hearty thanks for your participation as we press toward the mark of the higher calling in Christ Jesus.**

**Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are always accepted and appreciated. We do have 501c3 status as a non-profit organization. Churches or individuals who wish to make a contribution can mail their tax-deductible donations to:**

**Make check payable to:**

**KJA Scholarship  
c/o Bro. William Sherman, Treasurer  
P. O. Box 1863  
Conway, AR 72033**

**Additional information will be made available upon request. We solicit your prayers and support that God may continue to bless us in this endeavor.**

**Brother Kerry J. Allen  
Scholarship Board Chairman**

## **KERRY J. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

The Kerry J. Allen Scholarship is provided annually on behalf of a national board of benefactors and contributors from the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA and from other interested contributors. Scholarships will be awarded each year at the National Church of Christ (Holiness) USA Congress Convention.

**Applicants applying for the Kerry J. Allen Scholarship must meet the following criteria:**

▪ **AGE REQUIREMENT**

***An applicant cannot be older than 24-years-old when applying for the scholarship.** Applicants applying for the scholarship at the age of 24 will only be eligible to receive funds **for one year.** No funds will be issued after age 25 regardless of the remaining college term. The scholarship was established to provide scholarships to students under the age of 25.*

▪ **ENROLLMENT STATUS**

***All applicants must be undergraduates and enrolled full time, with a minimum of 12 credit hours, to be considered for the KJA Scholarship. All applicants must provide proof of full-time, undergraduate enrollment before funds are disbursed.***

▪ **APPLICATION PROCESS**

*Applicants must compete on four levels: **Local, District, Diocese, and National.** At each level, **one (1)** applicant will be recognized and will advance to the next level. During the National Congress Convention, scholarship amounts determined by the Board will be awarded to designated recipients. **The final decision of awards distributed will be made by the KJA Scholarship Board.***

## **JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE KERRY J. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP**

Points will not be given for areas one and two of the application (Requirements and Documentation respectively). However, all of the requirements must be met, and all supporting documents must be included for the application to be considered. The score values indicated for areas three (Accomplishments), four (Essay) and five (Interview) represent the maximum number of points that can be received in that particular category.

### **1. REQUIREMENTS (Applicant must meet all of the following requirements):**

- Must be an active member of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA;
- Must be an active member of their Local Sunday School and/or HYM;
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 from high school or college;
- Must be a graduating high school senior or a full-time undergraduate college student;
- Must agree to become a scholarship financial benefactor upon completion of college by giving annually to this award (becoming an Alumni Contributor) and by assisting in fund-raising endeavors.
- As long as all criteria are met annually, scholarships will be distributed (when funds are available), for a **maximum of four consecutive years. There can be no breaks during the four-year term of the Award.** Recipients must ensure to meet all guidelines and deadlines on an annual basis to prevent termination of the Award. Once an Award has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

### **2. DOCUMENTATION (Applicant must present the following):**

- Official high school and/or college transcript;
- Letter of recommendation from Pastor;
- Letter of recommendation from Sunday School Superintendent or HYM Group Leader;
- Letter of recommendation from High School/College Counselor or Teacher;
- An application signed by both the District and Diocese Congress Presidents respectively;
- A college letter of acceptance from at least one College (for first time applications);
- A 3x5 photo should be provided.

3. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Applicants must list their accomplishments (i.e. activity participation, offices held and awards received in the following areas during their high school and college years only):

- Church involvement
- Honors and Awards
- Extracurricular Activities
- Community Involvement

**THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 40 POINTS**

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4. **ESSAY:** Each applicant must write an essay, not to exceed 300 words typed and double-spaced, describing how they plan to give back to the community and church upon completion of their education.

**THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 30 POINTS**

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5. **INTERVIEW:** Each applicant will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee at each level.

**THIS SECTION IS WORTH A TOTAL OF 30 POINTS**

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**The maximum number of points that can be received by an applicant is 100 points.**

**NATIONAL CONGRESS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM**

**KERRY J. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) Number

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Sunday School & HYM Congress President: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Diocese Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese Sunday School & HYM Congress President: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**SCORING CHECKLIST**  
**(To be completed by Judges)**

Areas I and II of the application (Requirements and Documentation, respectively) will not be given points. However, all of the requirements must be met, and all supporting documents must be included for the application to be considered. **The score values indicated for areas three (Accomplishments), four (Essay) and five (Interview) represent the maximum number of points that can be received in that particular category.**

**Area I - REQUIREMENTS**

(Place a check mark on the space provided if the requirement has been met.)

**Active member of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA** \_\_\_\_\_

**Active member of local Sunday School and/or HYM.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 from high school or college** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduating high school senior or a full-time college student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agrees to become a Scholarship Financial Benefactor upon completion of college by giving annually to this award** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area II - DOCUMENTATION**

(Place a check mark on the space provided if the documentation is correct.)

**High school or college transcript** \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter from Pastor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter from Superintendent or Group Leader** \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter from high school/college counselor or teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures from both the District and Diocese Congress Presidents** \_\_\_\_\_

**A college letter of acceptance** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area III - ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
**(Maximum of 40 Points)**  
**(High School and College Years Only)**

**Use the original form for Area III. Only one attachment is acceptable for all four topics.**  
**PORTFOLIOS AND LARGE NOTEBOOK BINDERS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND/ OR HYM PARTICIPATION (10 Points Maximum)**

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**Church Involvement (10 Points Maximum)**

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**Total Church Experience Score \_\_\_\_\_**

**Honors/Awards, Junior and Senior year only (10 Points Maximum)**

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**Total Honors/Awards Score** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Involvement / Extracurricular Activities (10 Points Maximum)**

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**Total Community Involvement/ Extracurricular Activities Score** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Accomplishments Score** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum score is 40 points)



**Area IV – ESSAY**  
**(Maximum of 30 Points)**

Each applicant must write an essay, not to exceed 300 words typed and double-spaced, describing how they plan to give back to the community and church upon completion of their education.

**Content** \_\_\_\_\_ **(10 Points)**

**Development of Theme** \_\_\_\_\_ **(10 Points)**

**Sentence Structure** \_\_\_\_\_ **(5 Points)**

**Punctuation** \_\_\_\_\_ **(5 Points)**

**ESSAY SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area V - INTERVIEW**  
**(Maximum of 30 Points)**

**Presentation** \_\_\_\_\_ **(15 points)**

**Ability to Communicate Effectively** \_\_\_\_\_ **(15 points)**

**INTERVIEW SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Maximum overall score is 100)**

**Judges Names (please print legibly)**
