

# **Kerry J. Allen Scholarship**

## **(COVID-19 VERSION)**

### **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.**

**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 checks payable to:**

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

**CashApp: \$kjascholars**

**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**  
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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**

*Due to the 2019 COVID Pandemic the application process has been modified. During the time period of the pandemic **ONLY**, applicants will need to turn in the following to their diocese presidents to be considered for a KJA scholarship: A completed COVID-19 KJA Scholarship application that is signed by the applicants diocese president, a 350 word essay, a high school transcript, and a college acceptance letter. **The final decision of awards distributed will be made by the KJA Scholarship Board.***

## APPLICANT APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR THE KERRY J. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP

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Points will not be given for areas of *Requirements* and *Documentation*. 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 *Essay* and *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 provide the following):**

Official high school and/or college transcript;

Letter of recommendation from Pastor, HYM Group Leader, or Superintendent

An application signed by the applicants Diocese Congress Presidents

A college letter of acceptance from at least one College (for first time applications)

A 3x5 photo should be provided.

3. **ESSAY:** Each applicant must write an essay, not to exceed 350 words typed and double-spaced, describing how they plan to give back to the community and church upon completion of their degree.

**This Section is Worth 50 Points**

4. **INTERVIEW:** Each applicant will be interviewed by the National Scholarship Committee.

**This Section is Worth 50 Points**

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

**Please Send All Necessary Documents to Your  
Diocese President by June 1st.**

NATIONAL CONGRESS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM

KERRY J. ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Diocese Sunday School and HYM President Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese Sunday School and HYM President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original signature from Diocese president must  
be obtained for the application to be considered  
on the National level.**