



**SAINT STEPHEN
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Application Instructions
For
*The Sterling E. Sutton Scholarship***

The Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization invites you to apply for the *Sterling E. Sutton Scholarship*. This scholarship is available to high school graduates who are members of the class of 2024 and meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Membership in St. Stephen AME Church or Sunday School
- Proof of admission to an accredited academic institution
- Completion of a 500-word essay that will be read before the church congregation and/or members of the Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization (see attachment)
- Submit application and other documents by the deadline (see attachment)

The completed application, the documented proof of admission to an accredited academic institution, and the essay is due by Sunday, September 1, 2024. Applications will not be eligible for the scholarship until all criteria have been met. You may submit completed applications to Sister Marilyn Hourston (mhourston@ameritech.net) or Sister Tamara Steele (aramat78@ymail.com). Feel free to send an email with any questions.

No late applications will be accepted.

Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization
Sponsor

Tamara D. Steele
President

The Reverend James C. Bailey
Pastor

The Sterling E. Sutton Scholarship

*Essay Guidelines For Applicants from **The Class of 2024***

The Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization requires that an applicant for the *Sterling E. Sutton Scholarship* must submit an essay to accompany a completed application and documented proof of admission to an accredited institution.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING THE ESSAY

The essay must respond to the following prompt:

The programs sponsored by St. Stephen AME Church have offered support for our youth in many ways. Upon completion of your higher education, explain what you will do to contribute to the youth of tomorrow.

The essay must be:

- 500 words in length
- Neatly typewritten
- Double-spaced
- Arial or Times New Roman font
- Well-edited to conform to conventions of standard English
- Printed on the front side of 8 ½ X 11 white paper
- Composed by the applicant
- Signed by the applicant

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Directions:

Type or use black ink pen to print a response to each of the following:

NAME _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (M.I.)

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE _____

TELEPHONE NO. () _____

E-MAIL _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

COUNSELOR _____

DATE OF GRADUATION _____

INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

WHEN WILL YOU BEGIN YOUR FIRST YEAR? _____

Please attach proof of enrollment (class schedule, residence hall confirmation, Student ID, etc) from the institution of higher learning that you plan to attend.