**Bishop Mervyn E. Hammond Jr.**

**Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students**

**Scholarship Overview:** This scholarship is for non-traditional students of Black/African American or Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native descent, with a preference for History and Education majors.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

* Must be a non-traditional student (e.g., an adult learner over the age of 27, student returning to education after a gap, etc.).
* Must identify as Black/African American or Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native.
* Must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.
* Must live or attend school in one of the following states: Kansas (KS), Missouri (MO), Colorado (CO), Texas (TX), Washington D.C. (DC), Virginia (VA), Maryland (MD), California (CA), Nevada (NV), or New York (NY).
* Must be pursuing a major in History, Education, Christian/Religious Studies (Theology, Ministry, Divinity), Leadership, or Management (with preference for History and Education majors).

**Application Instructions:**

1. **Complete the Scholarship Application Form.**
2. **Provide a Personal Statement.** The statement should answer the following:
   * Why you are pursuing your current major.
   * How this scholarship will help you achieve your educational and career goals.
   * Your experience and background as a non-traditional student.
3. **Submit Transcripts** showing a GPA of 2.8 or higher.
4. **Provide Proof of Residency or Enrollment** (a document showing you live or attend school in one of the eligible states).
5. **Provide Two Letters of Recommendation** that speak to your character, work ethic, and educational goals.
6. **Submit the Application by June 15th** via mail or email to:

* **Mailing Address:** Mervyn’s Rose, Inc: 3705 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019
* **Email Address:** [info@mervynsroseinc.org](mailto:info@mervynsroseinc.org)

**Scholarship Award:** The scholarship award will be sent directly to the recipient’s school to be applied to tuition or other educational expenses.

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**Terms & Conditions**

**Eligibility:**

1. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

* + Be a non-traditional student of Black/African American or Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native descent.
  + Have a minimum GPA of 2.8.
  + Reside in or attend school in one of the following states: Kansas (KS), Missouri (MO), Colorado (CO), Texas (TX), Washington D.C. (DC), Virginia (VA), Maryland (MD), California (CA), Nevada (NV), or New York (NY).
  + Be pursuing a major in one of the following fields: History, Education, Christian/Religious Studies (Theology, Ministry, Divinity), Leadership, or Management, with a preference for History and Education majors.

**Application Process:**

2. All applications must be received by **June 15th**. Late applications will not be considered.

3. Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application form, a personal statement, proof of GPA, proof of residency or enrollment, and two letters of recommendation.

4. Applications should be sent via email or mail to the address provided in the scholarship application.

**Finalist Selection and Essay:**

5. Finalists will be notified by **July 25th**. Finalists must submit an essay by **August 25th** to be considered for the award. Further instructions regarding the essay prompt will be provided to finalists.

6. The winner will be selected based on the submitted application, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and essay, and will be notified by **September 15th**.

**Award Distribution:**

7. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient’s educational institution to be applied toward tuition or other educational expenses. The award is non-transferable and cannot be converted to cash.

8. If the recipient is no longer enrolled or attending their educational institution, they will forfeit the scholarship award.

**General Terms:**

9. All applications and submissions become the property of the scholarship provider and may be used for promotional purposes or as part of future scholarship programs.

10. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to allow their name, photo, and essay to be used in promotional materials.

11. The scholarship provider reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who provides false or misleading information.

12. The scholarship provider has the right to amend, cancel, or suspend the scholarship program at any time.

**Responsibility:**

13. The scholarship recipient is responsible for ensuring their school applies the funds according to their needs and policies.

14. The scholarship recipient agrees to provide any additional documentation or information required for the processing of the award.

**Privacy:**

15. All personal information submitted will be kept confidential and will only be used for the purposes of evaluating the scholarship applications.

**Non-Discrimination:**

16. The scholarship provider does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law in the awarding of this scholarship.

**Exclusions:**

Relatives of the Board of Directors and the Scholarship Application Review Committee are not eligible to apply.

**By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Scholarship Terms & Conditions and agree to comply with all the rules and guidelines stated herein.**

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**Required Documents Checklist & Submission Instructions**

**Required Documents Checklist**

☐ Completed Scholarship Application Form

☐ Personal Statement (500-1000 words)

☐ Official Transcript or GPA Verification

☐ Proof of Residency or Enrollment

☐ Two Letters of Recommendation

**Submission Deadline & Instructions**

**Deadline for Application Submission:**

June 15th (Must be postmarked by June 15th).

**Submit via Mail or Email:**

Mailing Address:  
Mervyn’s Rose, Inc

3705 W. Pico Blvd,

Los Angeles, CA 90019

Email Address:  
[info@mervynsroseinc.org](mailto:info@mervynsroseinc.org)

**Bishop Mervyn E. Hammond Jr. Memorial Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students Application Form**

**Scholarship Overview:** This scholarship is for non-traditional students who are of Black/African American or Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native descent, with a minimum GPA of 2.8, who live or attend school in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Texas, Washington D.C., Virginia, Maryland, California, Nevada, or New York. The scholarship is for students pursuing majors in History, Education, Christian/Religious Studies (Theology, Ministry, Divinity), Leadership, or Management, with preference for History and Education majors.

**Student Applicant Information:**

**Full Name:**

**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):**

**Ethnicity (Check one):**  
☐ Black/African American  
☐ Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native

**Gender (Optional):**

☐ Male  
☐ Female

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

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| **Current Mailing Address:** | **Permanent Address**  **(if different from Mailing Address):** |
| Street Address: | Street Address: |
| City: | City: |
| State: | State: |
| Zip Code: | Zip Code: |

**Student Academic Information**

**Current Institution Name:**

**Institution Address:**

**Year of Enrollment (e.g., Freshman, Sophomore, etc.):**

**Major/Field of Study (check one):**  
☐ History  
☐ Education  
☐ Christian/Religious Studies (Theology, Ministry, Divinity)  
☐ Leadership  
☐ Management

**Current GPA (Must be at least 2.8):**

**Please provide proof of your GPA (e.g., unofficial transcript or GPA verification form).**

**Student Residency/Enrollment Information**

**State in which you live or attend school (Check one):**

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| ☐ California (CA) | ☐ Missouri (MO) |
| ☐ Colorado (CO) | ☐ Nevada (NV) |
| ☐ District of Columbia/Washington D.C. | ☐ New York (NY) |
| ☐ Kansas (KS) | ☐ Texas (TX) |
| ☐ Maryland (MD) | ☐ Virginia (VA) |

**Please provide proof of residency or enrollment in one of the eligible states (*e.g., Driver’s License/ State ID, utility bill, lease agreement, or enrollment verification*).**

**Student Personal Statement**

**In 500-1000 words, please respond to the following prompts:**

1. Why are you pursuing your current major, and how does it align with your academic and career goals?
2. How will this scholarship assist you in achieving your educational and career aspirations?
3. As a non-traditional student, what has your experience been like returning to school or continuing your education, and how does your background inform your perspective on learning?

**(Please attach your response to this application.)**

**Student Letters of Recommendation**

**Please provide two letters of recommendation. The letters should speak to your character, work ethic, educational goals, and any other relevant experiences.**

1. **First Letter of Recommendation:**

Name of Recommender:

Relationship to Applicant:

Email Address & Phone Number:

1. **Second Letter of Recommendation:**

Name of Recommender:

Relationship to Applicant:

Email Address & Phone Number:

**Student Certification and Acknowledgment:**

**Please check all 3 boxes.**

**FAILURE TO CHECK ALL 3 BOXES WILL RESULT IN APPLICATION REJECTION.**

☐ I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

☐ I understand that failure to provide accurate information may result in disqualification from the scholarship process.

☐ By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Scholarship Terms & Conditions and agree to comply with all the rules and guidelines stated herein.

**Applicant's Signature:**

**Date:**