

**CONSTINE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND (CESF)**  
**Morning Star Community Development Corporation**  
**1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036**  
**908-925-4010**

January 1, 2017

Dear Prospective Recipient and Parent(s),

The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund (CESF) is pleased to offer students the opportunity to qualify for scholarship funds to support their educational needs.

Throughout the year CESF sponsors a number of fundraising initiatives to generate money for this important cause. We rely on the participation of potential recipients and their parents to ensure the fundraisers are successful.

We also request that you keep us posted on any achievements, as well as challenges of the potential scholarship recipient face throughout the year.

Enclosed in this package is information regarding the types of scholarships we offer along with eligibility and application requirements. It is important that applicants follow the process and meet the stated deadlines.

Thank you,

*Patricia Armand*

Patricia Armand  
Chairperson, Constine Evans Scholarship Fund

## **CONSTINE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### Scholarship Guidelines and Application Packet

#### **PURPOSE**

The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund (CESF) is a program of Morning Star Community Development Corporation, which gives monetary awards to high school and college students who are active members of Morning Star Community Christian Center, Linden New Jersey for two years or more. CESF encourages students to pursue higher education and promotes scholastic excellence among our youth.

#### **CRITERIA**

Scholarship Criteria/Application Submission Requirement Checklist:

1. All students - Must be an active **ministry participating** member of Morning Star Community Christian Center for two (2) years or more.
2. High School and College Students- Parents/guardians and applicants must participant in fundraising activities sponsored by CESF
3. College Students must attend and participate in church activities when at home.
4. Grades - Official Transcripts must be provided.
  - High School: Must have GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - College: Must have GPA of 2.0 or higher
5. Prepare an Essay on the topic below. **(Be specific, state examples and use proper grammar and punctuation).**
  - High School: Must complete a 500 word essay on "How will you change the world?"
  - College Student: Must complete a 700 word essay on "How will you change the world?"
6. High School Students - must submit two letters of recommendations from:
  - Guidance counselor/mentor/teacher.
  - Chairperson of the MSCCC ministry you're involved in
7. College Students – should submit one letter of recommendation from a current professor/faculty member or chairperson of a MSCCC ministry involved in.

**Applications and all related documents must be e-mail on or before March 15, 2017 -- to: mscgccscholarshipapplications@gmail.com.**

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

Once all applications have been received, the scholarship selection committee, along with the Senior and Associate Pastors will review each application. Award amount will be based on the requirements set forth in the "CRITERIA" section of the guidelines. High School seniors will be contacted to schedule an interview with the scholarship selection committee.

## **Scholarship Luncheon and Basket Auction**

there will be a luncheon to acknowledge and announce the scholarship awards. All recipients will be notified. The recipients and parents/guardians **MUST** attend this luncheon, Saturday, May 27, 2017.

## **EDUCATION DAY**

The fourth Sunday in May is designated as Education Day. On this day, the CESF will acknowledge all of the scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients as well as their parent/guardian must attend these services.

## **TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>High School Students</b>	<b>College Students</b>
<p>The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund of Morning Star Community Development Corporation is pleased to offer scholarships to High School seniors who will be entering college in the Fall of each year. It is our goal to support young men and women, who are aspiring to further their education in an institute of higher learning, by providing financial assistance. The scholarships are not targeted toward any particular field of study, but the recipient must attend an accredited institution.</p> <p>The recipient will be a high school student with a proven academic history, and an <b>active</b> member of Morning Star Community Christian Center, Linden, New Jersey, for two (2) years or more. All candidates must meet a specified list of attributes that are included on the application form. The scholarship will not be awarded if the recipient does not participate in this process.</p> <p>The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund is supportive of the idea of "Academic Excellence". Toward that end, we offer these scholarships as a practical way of supporting bright students whose future will be negatively impacted by the lack of educational funds.</p>	<p>The CESF continually promotes scholastic excellence by giving scholarships to previous recipients who are enrolled in an institute of higher learning or an accredited trade school. These awards are presented annually. The recipients must submit an updated application along with proof of GPA and proof that the recipient is returning to a college, university or trade school. The recipients will an undergraduate college student with a proven academic history, and an active member of Morning Star Community Christian Center, Linden, New Jersey, for two (2) years or me. All candidates must meet a specified list of attributes that are included on the application form. The scholarship will not be awarded if the recipient does not participate in this process.</p>

**Other Awards:**

In the event a scholarship applicant receives a FULL monetary scholarship from the institution of their choice, the CESF will award that applicant through other means, (i.e. purchase of a computer, laptop, etc.)

**\*\*\*Applications that do not adhere to March 15, 2017 deadline or hand delivered to a scholarship ministry member will be returned to the student and not considered for a Scholarship award.**

# CONSTINE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND - APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLYING FOR:** MIDDLE SCHOOL  HIGH SCHOOL  COLLEGE

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

E-mail:

Current Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School or College:

Address

Grade Point Average:

City/State:

Honors/Awards:

Phone:

Activity/Club:

Honors/Awards:

What colleges/technical schools have you applied to?

What college/technical school do you plan to attend? (please attach acceptance letters)

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION

Are you an active member of Morning Star Community Christian Center (MSCCC) for two (2) years or more?

How long have you been a member?

Have you attended or participated in any MSCCC events other than worship services? If so, please indicate below.

Are you active in a ministry? If so, what ministry?

What Act of Kindness/Community Services activities have you participated in with the Scholarship Ministry or with MSCCC?

<b>Extra Curricular Activities:</b>				
<b>Name of Activity</b>	<b>Years of Participation</b>	<b>Office(s) Held</b>	<b>In School Activity</b>	<b>Community Activity</b>

**Complete information for both parents/guardians:**

<b>Father</b>		<b>Mother</b>	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City/State:		City/State:	
Occupation/Title:		Occupation/Title:	
Employer:		Employer:	

**List name(s) of brothers and sisters who live at home or are away attending school:**

Name:	Age:	Grade:
Name:	Age:	Grade:
Name:	Age:	Grade:
Name:	Age:	Grade:
Name:	Age:	Grade:
Name:	Age:	Grade:
Name:	Age:	Grade:

List names of other dependents in the family and mention any unusual circumstances regarding them:

Name:	Circumstances:
Name:	Circumstances:
Name:	Circumstances:
Name:	Circumstances:
Name:	Circumstances:

## **SAMPLE REFERENCE REQUEST**

Dear:

The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund awards scholarship to students who exemplify academic excellence, church participation and leadership skills. As my < >, you are in a unique position to offer a perspective on my abilities in some of these areas.

Please provide a recommendation to assist me in obtaining a scholarship from The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund (CESF). CESF must receive all scholarship materials by < >.

For your convenience, I've enclosed a form letter and a stamped envelope addressed to the Constine Evans Scholarship Fund chairperson. If you need information about the scholarship, please let me know.

Sincerely,





# Constine Evans Scholarship Fund

## HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CHECK LIST

- You attend and are an **active** member of a ministry at Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ, for two (2) years or more and have completed new member's class with a membership certificate.
- You've fully completed the application.
- You've fulfilled the GPA as set forth in the scholarship application guidelines.
- You've requested an official transcript to be mailed to: Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Patricia Armand.
- You've requested letter(s) of recommendation to be mailed to Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Patricia Armand.
- You've completed the essay specific to your educational status.
- You and or your parent/guardian have supported and participated in the fundraising efforts of the Constine Evans Scholarship Fund.
- You've participated in an Act of Kindness or Volunteered for a as a part of Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ.
- College Students** – You attend church services at Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ, when at home.
- The application has been completed and emailed to [mssccscholarshipapplications@gmail.com](mailto:mssccscholarshipapplications@gmail.com) by March 15, 2017. Attention: Patricia Armand.

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