

## CONSTINE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

January 27, 2019

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 any challenges you may face as a potential scholarship recipient 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.

Applications and all related documents must be postmarked or emailed on or before March 30, 2019 **NO EXCEPTIONS** to: [scholarship@morningstarccc.org](mailto:scholarship@morningstarccc.org) or sent to: Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Sheila Williams-Scholarship

Thank you,

Sheila E. Williams, Chairperson  
Constine Evans Scholarship Fund

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### Scholarship Guidelines and Application Packet

The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund (CESF) is a program of Morning Star Development Urban Renewal Corporation, which gives monetary awards to middle school, 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:

##### **Middle School Students (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders):**

1. An active member of Morning Star Community Christian Center for two (2) years or more. An active member attends church service an average of two times per month.
2. Must be an active participating member of a ministry for at least one year.
3. Grades – Must provide a copy of current report card and have a C average or higher.
4. Two Letters of Recommendation are **REQUIRED** (Letters should stipulate any roles, titles, specific responsibilities or duties you are assigned to if applicable).
  - One from the ministry leader of the ministry you are involved in
  - One from teacher, counselor, mentor, or community leader
5. Prepare a 200-300-word essay on the topic below. (Be specific, state examples and use correct grammar and punctuation).
  - Who do you admire and why?

##### **High School Seniors:**

1. An active member of Morning Star Community Christian Center for two (2) years or more. An active member attends church service an average of two times per month.
2. Must be an active participating member of a ministry for at least one year.
3. Parents/guardians and applicants must participate in fundraising activities sponsored by scholarship ministry.
4. Grades – Must Provide Official Transcripts
  - High School: Must have GPA of 2.5 or higher
5. Two Letters of Recommendation are **REQUIRED** (Letters should stipulate any roles, titles, specific responsibilities or duties you are assigned to if applicable).
  - One from the ministry leader of the ministry you are involved in
  - One from teacher, counselor, mentor, or community leader
6. Prepare a 300-500-word essay on one of the topics below. (Be specific, state examples and use correct grammar and punctuation).
  - Why does education matter to you and how does it affect your community?
  - What does it mean to you to “serve” and in what capacity have you provided a service? (school, your community, church, etc.)
  - Describe what you believe are the most challenging issues facing today’s youth.

**Full-Time College Students (Minimum of 12 credits per semester):**

***This award is only available for a maximum of 4 years per recipient.***

1. One letter of recommendation from a current professor/faculty member, employer, or a MSCCC ministry chairperson.
2. Grades- Must Provide Official Transcripts
  - Must have GPA of 2.5 or higher
    - *Consideration may be given for less than 2.5 GPA during freshman year **ONLY***
3. Must attend and/or participate in church activities when at home.
  - If your geographical location doesn't allow you to return to your church home then you are required to provide community service documentation.
4. Parents/guardians and applicants must participate in fundraising activities sponsored by CESM.
5. Prepare a 500-700-word essay on one of the topics below. (Be specific, state examples and use correct grammar and punctuation).
  - In what way(s) will your college education help you contribute to your community?
  - If you were asked to speak before a high school audience of potential college students, what important topic(s) would you discuss and what advice would you give to them?
  - What are your plans to provide guidance and support to the up and coming students who attend Morning Star Community Christian Center?

**Spencer J. Corbett Scholarship – College Student**

1. Must be an active member of Morning Star Community Christian Center.
2. Must have completed freshmen year of college with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. Must be entering your sophomore year as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credits per semester).
4. Proof of membership of one extracurricular activity, club or volunteer committee.
5. Prepare a 500-700 word essay on one of the below topics:
  - How have you overcome a challenge in your life and how will college allow you to better yourself?
  - Are HBCU's still relevant in modern society? Why or why not?
  - If you had \$1M dollars to start a business what business would you establish and why? Describe how you formulated your business concept/idea.
  - With the emergence of young entrepreneurs and successful young professionals that may have not attended college describe why college is important.

## CONSTINE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND - APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

Student's Name:

Date of birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Are you a member of MSCCC?

Yes  No

How many years have you been a member of MSCCC?

Are your parents/guardian a member of MSCCC?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide their name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School or College:

Grade/Year in College:

Address:

Grade Point Average:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Activity/Club:

Honor/Awards/Scholarships:

### COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOLS APPLIED TO

Name of College/Technical Schools you have applied to:

1.

2.

3.

4.

**COLLEGE/TECHNICAL ACCEPTANCES**

Name of College/Technical Schools you have received an acceptance letter from: (COPIES OF LETTERS WILL BE REQUESTED)

1.

2.

3.

4.

**CHURCH PARTICIPATION**

Have you attended or participated in any MSCCC events other than worship services?  Yes  No If so, please list event(s) below:

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Are you active in a ministry?  Yes  No If so, please list ministry below (please include date (s) of involvement and your role (s):

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Act of Kindness/Community Service Recognition: (please list below)

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Are there any extenuating circumstances that you would like the scholarship review committee to know while considering this application?

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I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form as to my eligibility.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Signature of parent/guardian (if applicant is a minor):

Date:

## **SAMPLE RECOMMENDATION LETTER REQUEST**

**Dear \_\_\_\_\_,**

**The Constine Evans Scholarship Fund (CESF) awards scholarships to students who exemplify academic excellence, church participation, community services, and/or 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 letter on company, ministry, and group affiliation letterhead to assist me in obtaining a scholarship. CESF must receive all scholarship materials by March 30, 2019. Thank you in advance for your time and effort. If you need information about the scholarship fund, please let me know.**

**Sincerely,**

## **CONSTINE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECKLIST**

### **Middle School Student**

You Have:

- Attended and are an active member of a ministry at Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ, for two (2) years or more.
- Fully completed the application.
- Fulfilled the grades as set forth in the scholarship application guidelines.
- Requested letter(s) of recommendation to be mailed to Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Sheila Williams-Scholarship
- Completed the essay specific to your educational status.
- Postmark or emailed completed application to [scholarship@morningstarccc.org](mailto:scholarship@morningstarccc.org) or sent to: Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Sheila Williams-Scholarship by March 30, 2019.

### **High School Student**

You Have:

- Attended and are an active member of a ministry at Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ, for two (2) years or more with a new member's class membership certificate.
- Fully completed the application.
- Fulfilled the GPA as set forth in the scholarship application guidelines.
- Requested an official transcript to be mailed to: Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Sheila Williams-Scholarship
- Requested letter(s) of recommendation to be mailed to Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Sheila Williams-Scholarship
- Completed the essay specific to your educational status.
- You and/or your parent/guardian are/have supported and participated in the fundraising efforts of the Constine Evans Scholarship Fund.
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### **College Student Checklist**

You Have:

- Attended church services as a member at Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ, during the course of the year.
- Fully completed the application.
- Fulfilled the GPA as set forth in the scholarship application guidelines.
- Requested an official transcript to be mailed to: Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036, Attention: Sheila Williams-Scholarship
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**\*\*\*\*Applications that do not adhere to March 30, 2019 deadline will not be accepted.**

Please feel free to contact us for any question or concerns: [scholarship@morningstarccc.org](mailto:scholarship@morningstarccc.org) or sent to Morning Star Community Christian Center, 1009 Chandler Ave, Linden, NJ 07036

### REVIEW PROCESS

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

On the day of the Scholarship Luncheon and Basket Auction, recipients will be acknowledged and awarded scholarship letters. The recipients and parents/guardians **MUST** attend this luncheon, which will be held, Saturday, May 25, 2019.

Recipients will be sent awarded amounts once all funds from luncheon and other fundraising events have been collected. At that time you will be asked to confirm your college choice with campus mailing/billing address of business/financial aid office.

I have read the following and have met the criteria for the scholarship. I agree to be present at the Scholarship Luncheon and Basket Auction if I am awarded a scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature (if student is a minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date