

# The Bonnie Inkman Living Legacy Scholarship Fund

## REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

### PURPOSE

Established in memory of Bonnie Inkman, this scholarship provides financial aid for eligible students whose studies and future career goals reflect the selfless caring and dedication to education, music, community, and church as exhibited by Bonnie Inkman. **This annual scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$1,500.00 by the Saint James United Methodist Church Scholarship Ministry.** Our hope is that Scholarship recipients will become a part of our faith community as members or visitors, sharing their gift of music.

### BONNIE INKMAN (1947-2020)

Bonnie Inkman served as the Organist of Saint James United Methodist Church for nearly 40 years. Bonnie had a great love of music, tirelessly served her church and community, and enjoyed teaching young persons. She retired as a teacher from Howard County Public Schools where she had taught for many years at West Friendship Elementary School. Carrying on the legacy of Bonnie's ministering through music, this fund was established in 2020 and has been supported by donations from her fellow church members, family, friends, and former students.

### ELIGIBILITY

To apply for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be of high school Junior status or above;
- Be directing studies to the field of education;
- Music education, musical theatre, or music-related field students will receive primary consideration;
- Prior award recipients are not eligible; and
- Family members of persons on the scholarship committee are not eligible.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit a completed application, current transcript, cover letter (describing your goals, career plans, academic achievements, and financial need), two letters of recommendation, and a head/shoulder photograph.

**Current or past Music Interns or Church Choir applicants should include, as part of cover letter, how the experience has helped develop citizenship and leadership skills as well as personal development.**

**Selection criteria will be based on academic merit, involvement and leadership given to church and community, achievements, financial need, and future plans.**

To receive an application, or for more information, visit our website at [saintjamesweb.org](http://saintjamesweb.org)., contact us by phone at the church office at **(410) 442-2020** or email [stjamessec@verizon.net](mailto:stjamessec@verizon.net).

### DEADLINE

The deadline for all materials to be received by the Scholarship Committee is **Friday, March 28, 2025**. Notification of award will be announced in May 2025. **The award will be sent directly to the attending college or university.**

### DONATIONS

Donations to the scholarship fund in memory of Bonnie Inkman are gratefully accepted. If you wish to help support this scholarship, please make your check payable to Saint James United Methodist Church, specifying the scholarship fund in a memo, and send to: **12470 Old Frederick Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104**

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