

Racial and Ethnic Concerns Committee -African American Caucus
Trinity Presbytery
Hudson-Langford Memorial Scholarship

The Hudson-Langford Scholarship program is a project of the Racial and Ethnic Concerns Committee - African American Caucus, Trinity Presbytery. The goals of the program are:

- To increase the number of students from African American Presbyterian churches of Trinity Presbytery that pursue post high school education.
- To provide financial scholarships annually to one or more African American students with either a proven high school academic performance or potential and who exemplifies a dedication to community service that Reverend Hudson and Reverend Langford shared.
- To promote and honor the following characteristics embodied by Reverend James Hammie Hudson and Reverend Robert Langford: proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ to others, caring for persons in the community regardless of religious affiliations, pursuing excellence in public and Christian education, and demonstrating a love for God through service to others.

The Hudson-Langford Scholarship memorializes two pastors who served African American churches in admirable ways. They loved people, were committed to involvement in the life of the community, cared for people as children of God, and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. They served in various capacities in the Fairfield-McClelland and Trinity Presbyteries.

Reverend James Hammie Hudson served as pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church (USA) and Shiloh First Presbyterian Church ((USA) both in Winnsboro, South Carolina for over forty years. He was a strong advocate for education and the elderly. He cared about the entire community regardless of religious affiliation. He started a Saturday tutoring program to help students in the community achieve academic success. He loved the choir and shared the harvest from his garden with the community.

Reverend Robert Langford pastored Lebanon Presbyterian Church (USA), Ridgeway, South Carolina, Nazareth Presbyterian Church (USA), Winnsboro, South Carolina, and Little River Presbyterian Church (USA), Blair, South Carolina. A loved figure in the community, he was known for visiting the sick and shut-in regardless of religious affiliation. He transported students to and from college, started scouting programs, and delivered Meals-on-Wheels. He loved Vacation Bible School and implemented Vacation Bible School programs in many churches. He exhibited pure joy each year when students from throughout the community attended. Many were entertained by his music and the unusual variety of hymns he sang.

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Hudson-Langford Memorial Scholarship Criteria

- A. This Scholarship Mission Program will benefit African American high school graduating class of 2021 for post high school study.
- B. Each student applicant should have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.
- C. Each student applicant should be a member of a Trinity Presbytery church and participate in church youth and community service activities.
- D. References must be completed on the forms provided. Each student applicant must have the following three references:
 - 1) Church Representative
 - 2) School Guidance Counselor or Teacher
 - 3) Community Service Representative

- E. **Each student applicant should write an essay between 250 -300 words describing a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.**

Essays will be judged as follows:

- 25 Points – Description of experience
- 25 Points – Discussion of experience
- 50 points – Analysis of impact

- F. A selection committee will review Three to five final applications. The committee will consist of two or three college level professors selected by the African American Caucus of Trinity Presbytery.
- G. The deadline for applications will be April 16, 2021
- H. Scholarship(s) will be awarded by June 25, 2021
- I. Funding will be based on the quality of the essay submitted. The completion of the application form and three reference forms.
- J. The African American Caucus Scholarship Committee will provide on-going academic mentoring to the recipient(s) each year that they attend school.
- K. Student application and references must be submitted to:

Hudson-Langford Memorial Scholarship Committee
C/o Shirley M Greene
1037 Deer Run Road
Ridgeway, SC 29130

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Hudson-Langford Memorial Scholarship Application

Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Church Affiliation

High School Name

Overall Grade Point Average _____

High School Address

City _____ State _____

Phone # _____

Guidance Counselor's Name

(Attach a copy of official high school transcript or send in a sealed envelope)

Name of Prospective College, University or Technical School

College Address

Admission's Contact Person _____

Phone # _____ **E-mail** _____

Description of Community Service Project (Attach recommendation form must also be completed and returned):

Essay Topic: "Describe a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.

Please attach typed, double-spaced 250-300 word essay.

Application deadline: April 16, 2021

**Applicant's
Signature** _____

Please submit completed application to:

**Shirley M. Greene
1037 Deer Run Road
Ridgeway, SC 29130
(803) 337-3863
sgreene56@netscape.net**

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Dear Church Representative:

Please provide a reference with supporting documentation of church involvement and participation in youth activities in which the graduating senior and bearer of this letter has participated.

The student you are recommending must:

- Be active in church youth activities
- Participate or have participated in community service/outreach efforts; and
- Exemplify some of the characteristics shared by Reverend Hudson and Reverend Langford.

It is important that you include all of the required information in order to have your student applicant considered. When describing the applicant's character traits, please list "For example" sentences. The deadline for the application and references is April 16, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Thank you for helping a deserving African American Student applicant from your church to compete for the Hudson-Langford Memorial Scholarship. Information about the two pastors the scholarship memorializes and the scholarship award criteria are attached. If you have questions, contact Shirley M. Greene, Chair of the Scholarship Committee at (803) 337-3863.

Yours in Christ,

Shirley M. Greene, Moderator
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Church Recommendation

To the applicant: Complete this portion before giving it to the individual you selected to evaluate you. Please read through the contents of this form and select a recommender who can speak specifically to both your desire to receive a scholarship as well as the skills and talents you have developed that have prepared you to emulate the characteristics of Rev. James Hammie Hudson and Rev. Robert Langford.

Applicant name: _____
Last First Middle

Applicant address: _____

Signature
Of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

To the Recommender: Please evaluate the above applicant for his/her qualifications for the Hudson-Langford Scholarship by responding to the questions below and writing a statement. ***Be sure the applicant has signed this form*** before you complete your portion.

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. In what capacity have he/she been involved in church activities?
3. Describe the church activities in which the applicant is involved?

4. What characteristics of the applicant are most similar to Rev. Hammie Hudson and/or Rev. Robert Langford? Kindly list examples?

5. Please add any comments that will assist in making a decision regarding the applicant's selection as a Hudson-Langford scholarship recipient. Your impression of the applicant's attitude or special skills of this applicant would be greatly appreciated. Kindly list examples of your impressions.

Please return this recommendation form to the applicant.

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Official Use Only:

Application received: ☐ yes ☐ no

Personal statement received: ☐ yes ☐ no

Eligibility requirements met: ☐ yes ☐ no

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Dear High School Counselor,

Please provide a reference with supporting documentation that assesses the bearer's academic achievement.

In your letter, please discuss the following:

- The student's participation in community service/outreach efforts; and
- How the student exemplifies one or more of the following: compassion, honesty, humility, loyalty, integrity, helpfulness, courage and self self-discipline in their work with teachers, fellow students, or the high school community.

The best letters will include an example for every topic discussed. For example: if you find your student's participation in a local shelter exemplary, please describe what they accomplished as evidence of your assessment. An easy way to do this is to include a "for example" statement when making a claim about the student's service and character.

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Guidance Counselor Recommendation

To the applicant: Complete this portion before giving it to your guidance counselor. Please read through the contents of this form and select a recommender who can speak specifically to how you would use the scholarship, how you have served your community, and how you have demonstrated one or more of the following: compassion, honesty, humility, loyalty, integrity, helpfulness, courage and self-discipline – traits that emulate the lives of Rev. James Hammie Hudson and Rev. Robert Langford.

Please supply your letter writer with a copy of your resume and your scholarship narrative so they can provide adequate detail in their letter.

Applicant name: _____
Last First Middle

Applicant address:

Signature

Of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

High School Name

Overall Grade Point Average _____

High School Address

City _____ State _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Guidance Counselor's Name

(Include a copy of official high school transcript in sealed envelope)

Should a high school teacher be asked to write a letter of recommendation, please ensure that the letter of recommendation is written on school letterhead, that you sign the bottom of the letter and that the letter of recommendation is enclosed in the envelope with the official high school transcript.

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Signature

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1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. In what capacity have you known him/her?
3. How well do you know the applicant?

4. Overall, how would you rank the applicant in terms of desire to attend College/technical School? Consider the degree to which the candidate has considered his/her future and has initiated a plan to realize his/her dreams.
5. What would you list as the applicant's strongest characteristics?
6. Are there any special weaknesses?
7. In the space provided, please add any comments that will assist in making a decision regarding selection as a Hudson-Langford scholarship recipient. Your impression of the applicant's attitude or special skills of this applicant would be greatly appreciated. Kindly list examples to support your impressions.

Please return this recommendation form to the applicant.

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Official Use Only:

Application received: ☐ yes ☐ no

Personal statement received: ☐ yes ☐ no

Eligibility requirements met: ☐ yes ☐ no