

The Women's Missionary Society
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Handy-Simmons Scholarship Application

Name *

First Name Last Name

Gender *

Date of Birth *

Month Day Year

Email *

example@example.com

Contact Phone *

Area Code Phone Number

Home Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State

Zip Code Country

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name

Prefix First Name Last Name Suffix

Mother's Occupation

Contact Phone

Area Code Phone Number

Father's Name

Prefix First Name Last Name Suffix

Contact Phone

Area Code Phone Number

Father's Occupation

Guardian's Name

Prefix First Name Last Name Suffix

Contact Phone

Area Code Phone Number

Guardian's Occupation

Church Information

Home Church Name *

Pastor's Name *

First Name Last Name

Episcopal District *

1-20

Church Conference *

Church Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Please list church activities you are involved in on the local, conference, district or connectional level. Please provide a brief description of each activity including the length of your involvement.

List of Church Activities *

Activity, local, conference district or connectional, description & dates

Church Information *(continued)*

Pastor's Email Address

example@example.com

Local YPD Director or WMS President Name

First Name Last Name

Local YPD Director or WMS President Email

example@example.com

District Supervisor's Name

District Supervisor's Email Address

First Name Last Name

**Handy Simmons Scholarship
Chair Person Signature**

District Supervisor's Signature



Academic Information

Academic Institution *

College/University Attending

Student Status *

Full Time

Part Time

Current Year Studies *

Est. Graduation Date *

Month Day Year

Your Declared Major *

Your Declared Minor

List School Activities *

Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

Institution's Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Applicant: _____

Printed Name

Signature

The Handy-Simmons Scholarship Award Essay Theme and Scoring Rubric

As a college student, navigating social media pressure, bullying, and the expectations to “have it all figured out” can be overwhelming. In the midst of these challenges, how has your AME upbringing influenced the way you handle adversity and take responsibility for yourself and others? Share a personal experience that motivates your continued involvement in your church, campus, or community.

As you think about your approach to the essay prompt, remember three things:

- Be concise
- Be authentic
- Provide details

Criteria to be Assessed	4	3	2	1	Points Awarded
1. Focus	Engaging and fully developed essay that completely addresses the prompt.	A competent and well-developed essay that mostly addresses the prompt.	Mostly simplistic and unfocused essay that partially addresses the prompt.	Poorly developed and unfocused essay that does not address the prompt.	
2. Organization	Writing has a compelling and logical flow of ideas.	Writing has a logical flow of ideas.	Organization is rough but workable. It sometimes gets off topic.	Writing is aimless and disorganized.	
3. Word Choice	Writing uses words that are striking and fresh but natural, varied, and vivid.	Writing makes some quality but also some routine or ordinary word choices.	Writing uses words that are dull or uninspired. Writing sounds like you are trying too hard to impress.	Writing uses the same words over and over. Some words may be confusing or inappropriate.	
4. Grammar Usage and Sentence Fluency	Writing uses proper grammar 100% of the time. Sentences flow well and vary in construction and length.	Writing has a few grammar problems. Sentences flow well but do not vary much.	Writing has enough grammar errors to distract a reader. Some sentences do not flow well and/or are not varied at all.	Writing has numerous grammar mistakes and poor sentence construction that make the paper hard to read.	
5. Spelling and Punctuation	Writing uses correct punctuation and spelling 100% of the time.	Writing has a few errors to fix, but generally uses correct conventions.	Writing has enough errors in the essay to distract a reader.	Writing has numerous errors that make the paper hard to read.	

Total Points: _____

Scorer's Name: _____

Scorer's Signature: _____