

Rev. Willie J. Wynn Scholarship
Scholarship Guidelines

The selection of award recipients for the Rev. Willie J. Wynn Scholarship is based upon a combination of merit and financial need.

One Scholarship will be awarded in one or each of the three following categories:

1. High School Seniors planning on entering college, vocational, or trade school
2. Currently enrolled Undergrad student (should be currently enrolled and attending college, vocational school, or trade school beyond the high school level)
3. Re-entry student- For the adult who is planning on going back to college, making a career change, is a dislocated or displaced worker.

Merit will be determined by the following:

1. High school or college transcript- as a measure of academic performance and ability to succeed. Grade point average must be at least 2.5 if applying as a high school senior or currently enrolled undergrad student
2. Extra-curricular activities- Student involvement, community service
3. Volunteer / Work experience- Has student taken the time to work or volunteer in any career field
4. Career / Educational goals- Are goals for your education and or career clearly stated
5. Essay- An essay of a minimum of 500 words to a maximum of 1000 words is required
6. Additional information that may make the student more worthy of consideration (family problems, personal situations, etc)

The following will assess financial need:

1. Current family income
2. Family size
3. Number of family members in school

About the Rev. Willie J. Wynn Scholarship:

The Rev. Willie J. Wynn Scholarship was started in honor of the late Rev. Willie J. Wynn. A Pastor, Community Leader and Pioneer in this Reno/Sparks Community as well as the state of Nevada.

As a pastor, Rev. Wynn pastored in Black Springs, Nevada in 1966. Later in 1967 he relocated the church to Reno, Nevada at 720 Montello Street. The Lord blessed him to relocate the church one more time in 1967 to 1220 Sutro Street, Reno, NV, naming the church Faith Deliverance Church of God in Christ and thereby purchasing the property in 1969. Rev. Wynn added Educational Facilities to the church in March of 1970. Pastor Wynn was the Superintendent of the Northern Nevada District, and the First Administrative Assistant to Bishop E. W. Webb. Rev. Wynn presided as pastor of Faith Deliverance C.O.G.I.C until his Home Going in 1985.

As a Community leader, Rev. Willie J. Wynn served on the Sierra Pacific Power Company Advisory Board, Community Services Agency, Reno Housing Authority Board (was appointed Senior commissioner in February 1975), Consumers Advisory Panel Community Service Board, and the Ministerial Association Board.

As a pioneer Rev. W. J. Wynn was the first African American cabinet member in the state of Nevada (appointed by Governor Paul Laxalt), and a Nevada Equal Rights Commissioner (appointed by Governor Richard Bryan). An Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree was also bestowed upon Rev. Willie J. Wynn. Rev. Wynn's life touched many people of all walks of life. He knew no color barriers, he surmounted every stumbling block and made them stepping-stones and every trail he made into a challenge. Rev. Willie J. Wynn was very seldom without a smile. He was a Man of God.

Therefore, as Rev. Wynn believed in education, equal opportunity, economic empowerment and faith for all people; therefore, this merit based and financial need based scholarship is designed to help in one or all three of the following areas: 1. A High School Senior entering college or trade/vocational school beyond the high school level 2. A student (youth or adult) currently enrolled in college, or trade/vocational school beyond the high school level 3. An adult who is re-entering or choosing to attend for the first time a college, or vocational/trade school.

At this time The Greater Northern Nevada District -1st Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, sponsors the Rev. Willie J. Wynn Scholarship. Scholarship applications are accepted from all who qualify regardless of age, race, gender, or religious affiliation.