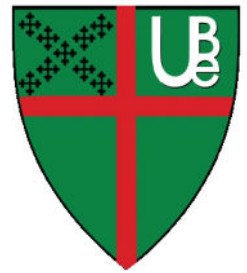


Union of Black Episcopalians

Diocese of Newark Chapter



2025 Scholarship

Dear Companion on the Journey:

God's Blessings be upon you this day!

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE), Diocese of Newark Chapter, is delighted to share with you information on our annual scholarship program. Our program offers scholarships to qualified high school seniors graduating in 2025 who are actively engaged in the life, work, and ministry of an Episcopal Congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. These students must be enrolled in an institution of higher education beginning in the Fall of 2025.



In honor of our beloved former President and disciple of Christ, who went into His loving arms in May of 2024, the UBE, Diocese of Newark Chapter has renamed the scholarship -***The Marguerite E. Smith UBE Scholarship.***

For years, Marguerite had a deep love and commitment to the educational development of our children, the Diocese of Newark, and the UBE. She worked tirelessly to enhance opportunities for those in need, no matter their race, ethnicity, gender or culture.

Following in her legacy, the UBE, Diocese of Newark Chapter is committed to supporting and nurturing high school students by encouraging them to obtain a degree from an institution of higher learning. We strive to embrace God's children by providing a modest financial scholarship to assist in the monetary demands of higher education. In the tradition of Marguerite, we strive for excellence, and believe in hard work. This is a competitive scholarship. All candidates selected for the scholarship, must possess the qualities demonstrated by Marguerite: love of God; working to the best of their ability; and the giving of oneself for the betterment of others.

Our application deadline is scheduled for **Friday, April 11, 2025**. It will be accessible on the diocesan website at <https://dioceseofnewark.org/funding/ube-scholarship> or you can email us at UBENewarkScholar@gmail.com.

All are welcome to apply and become part of Marguerite's amazing legacy, whose spirit lives on through this scholarship.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Rene Pilgrim
Scholarship Committee Chair

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Scholarship Guidelines

To the applicant. Please read carefully:

For your application to be considered, the following requirements must be met. Failure to comply with any portion of the following conditions may result in disqualification from the process.

Scholarship awards will be granted to high school students graduating in 2025 and entering any institution of higher education in the fall of 2025. Admission verification will be required at the final phase of the application before the award is granted.

Completed application packet with letter and essay must be received no later than Friday, April 11, 2025.

See below the scholarship award process:

1. Student **must** be an Episcopalian and actively participating in an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark.
2. Student must also be actively engaged in the life and work of their congregation for at least 1 year.
3. A recommendation letter from the parish priest must be mailed or emailed directly to the contact below.
4. Completed application form (found on next page) must be mailed or emailed directly to the contact below.
5. Copy of school transcript with unweighted GPA must be mailed directly to the contact below.
6. Submit one (1) 500-700 word typed essay on: "What I want to do to make a difference in this world". Essay should be sent electronically to: UBENewarkScholar@gmail.com (**no more than 700 words**)
7. All applicants will be interviewed by the UBE, Diocese of Newark Chapter Scholarship Committee. Interviews will be scheduled April 26, 2025.
8. Applicants will receive a decision no later than **May 2, 2025** advising whether they are an award recipient.
9. Scholarship recipients **must attend The Marguerite E. Smith UBE Scholarship Luncheon at Christ Church Short Hills on Saturday, June 28, 2025.**
10. The amount of the award is determined annually by the Scholarship Committee. Proof of enrollment in an accredited college/university is required prior to disbursement.

All documents should either be emailed to UBENewarkScholar@gmail.com or mailed to Union of Black Episcopalians, Diocese of Newark Chapter, c/o Rene Pilgrim 325 N Oraton Pkwy, East Orange, NJ 07017

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Please Print:

I. About the Applicant

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: (h) _____

Email: _____ Phone: (c) _____

II. About your Church Involvement:

Name of your congregation: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Name of Clergy: _____ Phone: _____

Clergy email: _____

List of committees /guilds or organization you are presently involved within your parish:

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Please list two references within your congregation (not family members)

1. _____ Email: _____
Phone#: _____

2. _____ Email: _____
Phone#: _____

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III. About Your Parent(s): Please list the name of one parent for contact purposes

Mother / Father/ Guardian's Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

IV. About Your High School & Community Involvement:

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Year Graduating: _____ Class Ranking _____

Please list any community involvement: _____

V. Please tell us about your plans after graduating high school

List names of colleges /universities / schools you have been accepted to:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Classes begin on: _____

Selected major: _____

Please list any special interest you might have below

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(Clergy Recommendation)

Name of Student: _____

Dear Clergy:

The above student is applying for *The Marguerite E. Smith UBE Scholarship* from the UBE, Diocese of Newark Chapter. The student affirms that she/he/they are an active member of your congregation, and to that end, we are seeking to learn a bit more about the applicant.

Please be so kind as to write a recommendation letter about the applicant detailing her/his/their work in your congregation as well as any other information you believe is relevant for the Scholarship Committee to render a favorable judgment towards the applicant.

The letter can be sent using the following methods:

- 1) Mail to: **Union of Black Episcopalians, Diocese of Newark Chapter,
c/o Rene Pilgrim 325 N Oraton Pkwy, East Orange NJ 07017**
- 2) Email: UBENewarkScholar@gmail.com (MS Word or PDF)

The letter must be received no later than Friday, April 11, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS

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(School Transcript)

Name of Student: _____

Dear Guidance Counselor:

The above student is seeking a scholarship from the Union of Black Episcopalians in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The student affirms that she/he/they are an active member of your school and to that end we are seeking to learn a bit more about the applicant.

Mail to: **Union of Black Episcopalians, Diocese of Newark Chapter**
c/o Rene Pilgrim, 325 N Oraton Pkwy, East Orange, NJ 07017

Transcript must be received no later than Friday, April 11, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!!