

## Bishop Willie J. and Julia M. Looney Memorial Scholarship

The Bishop Willie J. and Julia M. Looney Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students attending or planning to attend College. All scholarship recipients must meet the general criteria for this scholarship. Unless stated otherwise, the scholarship will be used for tuition, fees, books, and required educational supplies.

First -year applicants for this scholarship awarded through Above & Beyond Event Planners, LLC must meet the following criteria:

- a. be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- b. be an African-American student first time entering as a Freshmen
- c. be a legal resident of the state of New York
- d. live in the City of Buffalo
- e. be officially admitted to or eligible for admission to an accredited NYS College or University
- f. enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours (full-time status)
- g. have a minimum 3.0 (or B) grade point average
- h. demonstrates leadership and community service
- i. demonstrates financial need
- j. Must receive Pell, TAP, SEOG, EOP, HEOP grants, etc.
- k. student must be pursuing a degree in Business, Public Relations, Event Planning, Hospitality, Marketing, Finance, or Graphic Design
- l. student may not already hold a baccalaureate or higher level degree

### **General Scholarship Guidelines**

Scholarship recipients will:

- a. Receive only one Above & Beyond Event Planners, llc \$250-\$500 scholarship per year
- b. Submit a word essay on any school or community service experience and briefly describe how the experience benefited others in the school or your community. The essay must be one-8-1/2" x 11" page, one-sided, typewritten and double-spaced
- c. Submit a complete notarized application
- d. Copy of report card for two marking periods (include final) for verification
- e. Submit on or by May 5, 2011. Application package must be postmarked by May 5, 2011
- f. Send essay to: Above & Beyond Event Planners, LLC, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1450 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Suite 210, Tonawanda, New York 14150
- g. Student will be notified by mail and awarded during graduation ceremony

This scholarship was created in memory of the parents of founder and owner of Above & Beyond Event Planners, llc, Mattie Stevenson. Willie and Julia Looney sacrificed a lot for their children. They did not have much, but made sure their children had what they needed to have a shot at the American dream. They were advocates of the importance of receiving a good education. With their determination to see their daughter succeed, Mattie became the first and only person in her family to graduate from college and start her own business. To honor her parent's legacy, she created a scholarship to honor her parents.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Name:** Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address:**

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian:** Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

**Cumulative grade point average:** \_\_\_\_\_/4.0 scale or \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ scale

**Graduation Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**School Officials Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION:**

List all special awards and leadership positions held for school or community service activities during the past three years (if applicable). If none, write in the word NONE.

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**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS AND HONORS:**

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**ESSAY:**

Choose one school or community service experience and briefly describe how the experience benefited others in the school or your community.

The essay may be up to you, but not more than, one-8-1/2" x 11" page, one-sided, typewritten and double-spaced.

**Include your name and address in the upper left-hand corner of the page.**

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of any information will cause disqualification from the scholarship program. This application becomes the sole property of Above & Beyond Event Planners, LLC

**Signature of parent or guardian**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ss.:

On this day \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she signed the same as his/her voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.