JAMES W. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP
Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, sponsor
915 Willow Street
Waterloo, Iowa 50703
319-235-0411
Under the direction of the Official Board

Success in Education Scholarship to Honor James W. Smith

Purpose
To encourage and support students who are seeking a college education.

Overview
The James W. Smith Scholarship Fund (in memory of Jimmy) was established in February 2001 and consists of committee members representing various churches. Jimmy was known as a mentor, friend, percussionist and private drum instructor to many. He participated in various community activities (churches, ensembles, Ebony Fashion Fair-Des Moines and Waterloo) and his music was instrumental throughout the State of Iowa.

There are two community efforts sponsored each year; the first one being the Youth Revival in April and the second one being the Annual Music Extravaganza in August (at which time the scholarship committee presents an award certificate to the recipient). Each year, we have awarded on average two scholarships. During the past school year there were three (3) scholarships awarded. To date, there have been thirty six (36) scholarships awarded, bringing the total to $18,000.

In honor of Jimmy’s love for music and commitment to the education of youth, a $500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating high school senior or college undergraduate to assist them in furthering their education at an accredited college, community college, junior college or university. Preference will be given to high school seniors.

Attached is an application for the scholarship award. Guidance Counselors/Music Department: Please make application available to ALL eligible students (see criteria below) and make copies as needed. Application deadline is March 31 each year (received or postmarked). Those interested in applying OR to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please contact Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, 915 Willow Street, Waterloo, IA 50703. Checks should be made out to the Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in care of the James W. Smith Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Thomas Butler, Scholarship Treasurer/Office Manager, at the church at (319) 235-0411, or Cynthia Smith-Balark, Scholarship President at (319) 464-9220.

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must:
1. Be a graduating senior from a Waterloo/Cedar Falls/Des Moines/West Des Moines (or surrounding areas) public high school or a college undergraduate. (Preference will be given to high school seniors.)
2. Demonstrate a 2.5 or greater grade point average.
3. Be accepted to a four year college, community college, junior college or university.
4. Be of good character and have leadership qualities.
5. Provide financial need.
James Warren Smith Scholarship
“Success in Education”
Scholarship Application
2015-2016 School Year

(Please print or type)

Name ____________________________

Last ____________________________ First ____________________________ Middle Initial ____________________________

Address

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Phone Number ( ) ____________________________ Church Affiliation ____________________________

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) __________________________________________________________

High School/Graduation Date ____________________________

Formal Music Training You Have Received (fill in only if major/minor is music) ____________________________

GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Note: Please list year of each achievement

Academic Achievements __________________________________________________________

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Awards and Honors __________________________________________________________

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Extracurricular Activities ______________________________________________________

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Educational Goals __________________________________________________________

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Community/Volunteer Involvement ______________________________________________

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List grants/scholarships awarded and explain your additional financial needs to achieve your educational goals ________________________________________________________________

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Income Information (please check the box that best reflects the range of your annual household income)

☐ $0 - $20,000  ☐ $20,000 - $30,000

☐ $30,000 - $40,000  ☐ $40,000 - $50,000  ☐ Over $50,000
Name and address of college you will attend
(Please attach copy of acceptance letter with student number—awards will be sent to school)

PERSONAL REFERENCES
Please list the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references (No relatives)

NAME: __________________________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER: _________________________________

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ESSAY
(500 WORDS OR LESS)
HOW I WILL BENEFIT FROM THE JAMES W. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP.

PLEASE BE SURE:
1. Your application is complete.
2. Your essay is attached.
3. A copy of your acceptance letter is attached (please include college student ID number).
4. A copy of your most recent grade report is attached.
5. A photo is enclosed for future announcement.
6. A letter of thanks is encouraged.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2016 (received or postmarked)

Scholarship awards will be good for only one academic school year. At any time, after receiving a scholarship award, you transfer to a different school or stop attending school please contact Thomas Butler at 319-235-0411 (CBC519@aol.com) or Cynthia Smith-Balark at 319-464-9220 (cynthiabalark@yahoo.com) or write to the address listed below. Feel free to reapply each academic year.

NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
ACKNOWLEDGED OR CONSIDERED.

Mail to: James W. Smith Scholarship Fund
ATTN: Thomas Butler, Treasurer/Office Manager
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