

ST. STEPHEN A.M.E. CHURCH-CHICAGO JOSHUA M. BROWN LAY ORGANIZATION

A. V. Turner Music Scholarship

ABOUT THE A.V. TURNER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

In 1915, a competent young man, Professor Alvie Van Turner was recommended as the director of the Senior Choir at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, where he served in that capacity for fifty-two years. A native of Lewisburg, Tennessee, Professor Turner received his education at Roger Williams College, Chicago Musical College, and American Conservatory of Music. He was an accomplished violinist and piano soloist. For many years, he was precinct captain on the west side of Chicago, IL, and also maintained the A.V. Turner School of Music Studio in his home for more than sixty years. Professor Turner was married to the former Sadie P. Alexander (a soprano soloist) and they worked together to give guidance to many young students who were to render valuable service to many of our churches and also the commercial field. In November 1986, the St. Stephen Chancel Choir (formerly the Senior Choir) established and maintained a \$500.00 music scholarship in the name of A.V. Turner for the purpose of training and preparing young people of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church who aspire to become musicians and soloists of our congregation. The St. Stephen A.M.E. Church Chancel Choir later transferred the scholarship administration to the Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization. The A.V. Turner Memorial Music Scholarship continues as a memorial fund to emulate the legacy and tradition of choral excellence left by Professor A.V. Turner.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students may apply for the scholarship at any time, but applications will be reviewed in two cycles throughout the year according to the below deadlines.

FALL SEMESTER DEADLINE: 4TH SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER
SPRING SEMESTER DEADLINE: 4TH SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY



Dr. W. Corey Jordan, Lay Organization President
The Reverend James C. Bailey, Pastor

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The application form should be completed carefully by all applicants seeking the A.V. Turner Scholarship Award. Applications must be submitted prior to **the 4th Sunday in November** for Fall semester consideration and prior to the **4th Sunday in February** for Spring semester consideration. Scholarships are awarded for the Fall and Spring semesters only. These scholarships are four-year renewable awards of varying amounts. Evidence of acceptance to a music program or music lessons is required for applicants.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We're looking for instrumentalists, vocalists, and composers who intend to make music a central part of their future. The scholarship must be used towards tuition of a music school or program, private lessons, and/or instrument purchase or maintenance. Applicant must be a member of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church and/or Sunday School and participate in the Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization Musical Showcase held the year after the scholarship is granted.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Member of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church and/or Sunday School
- Applicants must express an interest in one of the following areas of music: instrumentalist, vocalist, or composer
 - Instrumentalist: any of the usual instrument of band or orchestra including strings, woodwinds, brass, piano and percussion
 - Vocalist: All voices, male and female are eligible.
 - Composer: songwriter in any genre
- Currently enrolled in an accredited institution or music program with a concentration in any field of music including: Music Industry, Music Technology, Music Theory and Composition, and Musicianship; or
- Currently receiving or will receive private lessons for instrumental or vocals

APPLICANTS MUST DEMONSTRATE:

- **Dedication to the field of music**

Applicants must provide a statement of musical intentions (3-4 paragraphs) about how music will be a central part of your future.

- **Strength of character**

Applicants must demonstrate drive, initiative, maturity, leadership and a commitment to giving back to one's community.

- **Proof of Enrollment**

Applicants must provide one (1) letter of reference from the music program, institution, or private instructor

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Up to \$500 based on availability to be applied toward instrument purchases, private lessons, or other music-related needs
- Annual renewal for up to 4 years based on availability
- Award recipients may not receive more than two scholarships per year (\$1000 max per year or \$4000 max over 4 years) based on availability.
- Recipients must participate in the annual Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization Musical Showcase.

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A.V. TURNER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name:			
	Last	First	Middle Initial
Applicant's Address:			
	City	State	Zip
Telephone:			
Email:			
Date of Birth:		Grade Level:	
Name of Parent/Guardian (if under age 18):			
Church Membership:			

MUSIC BACKGROUND

Applying as:	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrumentalist	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocalist	<input type="checkbox"/> Composer
List your principal instrument(s) or Voice:			
Years of study:			
	From	To:	
Institution/Instructor:			

Please submit completed application and the following documents to a member of the St. Stephen Joshua M. Brown Lay Organization:

- Statement of Musical Interest
- One (1) letter of recommendation from your music instructor as well as proof of enrollment in a musical instruction class.