

THE DR. JAMES ARTHUR BLAKE, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. James Arthur Blake, Sr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 2006 in memory of James A. Blake, Sr. to annually recognize and assist through the award of a scholarship a member of the graduating class of Marion High School. The scholarship may be used in an accredited postsecondary institution, either a two-year or four-year school, college, or university and will be made payable to the recipient and the postsecondary school of the awardee's choice.

The Dr. James Arthur Blake, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Program will award a minimum of \$500 each year in scholarship funds. The award is made for one year's study only and is not renewable.

Eligible seniors may apply for the scholarship through the guidance office at Marion High School using the application provided. Completed applications must be returned to the guidance office no later than March 1 each year.

All applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee appointed by Dr. James Arthur Blake, Sr.'s family and made up of the following persons:

- Marion High School Principal
- Middle School Guidance Counselor
- High School Math Teacher
- Family Member (2)
- Community Member

(Note: Family members and community member are to be appointed by Dr. Blake's immediate family. The family has the prerogative of changing the committee membership at anytime.)

The scholarship will be presented to the recipient at the annual Marion High School Awards Day.

A scholarship recipient and a first alternate will be selected by the scholarship committee, based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit (minimum C+ average, equivalent to 2.5 on 4.0 grading scale)
- Must have been in attendance at Marion High School for a minimum of two consecutive years
- Character and service to the community with special emphasis on volunteer work with the Marion community and churches.
- Involvement in the school's extracurricular activities with special emphasis on student governance.
- Overall quality of applicant's responses to essay questions

APPLICATION FOR THE DR. JAMES ARTHUR BLAKE, SR.
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Personal Data:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Street and Number

City and Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____

(if different from above)

College Preferences: 1. _____

Institution

2. _____

Institution

- I. Please provide the scholarship committee with a brief autobiography and a statement of your educational goals. If there is an interest in a career in education, please note. Please address your plans for postsecondary education. (Limit your response to one page.)

- II. Please describe your contribution of time and talent to the Marion community. Include any experiences you have had working with children and the elderly. (Limit your response to one page.)

IV. Why should you be the recipient of this Dr. James Arthur Blake, Sr. Memorial Scholarship? (Limit your response to one page.)

I certify that the attached information is correct and understand that the scholarship committee will review my entire transcript.

Signature

To be completed by Marion High School Counselor

- Academic average as of the end of first semester of senior year _____
(Attach a copy of the entire transcript.)
- Has the applicant been a student at Marion High School for at least two consecutive years?

- What are the dates of enrollment at Marion High School for this applicant?

- Verification of participation in leadership positions and extra-curricular activities at Marion High School, please list:

Signature of Counselor

Date

III. Please describe your participation in high school governance and other extracurricular activities at Marion High School. Include any awards you have won. (Limit your response to one page.)