



## Education Scholarship

**The 2016 Education Scholarship is awarded in tribute to Emma Lee McKune.**

Emma Lee McKune personifies a woman with a passion and a resolve to fulfill the Will of God in her life. She was born, the youngest of ten siblings, on October 30, 1926 in Santee, SC. At the age of 12 she moved to Washington DC where she lived with her older sisters and brothers that had migrated to the area previously. While there she attended the DC Public School system. At the age of 18, she returned to South Carolina after which she married and had five children. In 1950 she left South Carolina again and returned to DC. While raising her children, she worked at various business establishments with her work career ending with retirement from the U.S. Veterans Administration.

In 1966, she re-married and helped to care for her husband's nine children. Between raising and caring for her large family and working at the Veterans Administration, she attended Howard University and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Divinity at the age of 50. Having been licensed to preach in 1979, she was appointed Associate Minister at Enon, serving as one of few women in ministry at that time. While at Enon, she started several ministries including Youth Services, youth church, help for the homeless, and wrote and directed several plays. She served as Vacation Bible School Director for many years often developing the lesson plans herself. During this time, she was also very active with and supportive of the National Baptist Association's Deacon & Deaconess Association. She also provided weekly bible studies at several woman shelters in Washington DC.

In 1989, she and her husband were led by God to establish Christ Universal Church. The Church has been very progressive in its growth. Several ministers have been called and ordained under her tutelage. Emma used her knowledge and God-given wisdom to expand the church to own several businesses including an apartment building and restaurant. Additionally, the church took aggressive steps to improve the surrounding community and became a catalyst in the neighborhood.

In recognition of Emma Lee McKune's accomplishments and fortitude, The Sister Network honors the life of Emma Lee McKune with our second Educational Scholarship. **The student selected for the scholarship will be awarded \$1,000, to go toward their area of greatest need (i.e. tuition, books, supplies, etc...).**

**To be eligible for the Emma L. McKune Educational Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Female student, aged 26+ years old
- First year or returning student to a trade, two-year or four-year accredited college or university
- Active member of your church, must provide a letter of support from your Pastor or ministry leader
- G.P.A of 3.0+

**Please submit the attached application along with the following documentation:**

- Proof of acceptance or current enrollment from a trade school or accredited college
- a copy of your transcript (most recent semester or quarter). If you have been out of school for more than seven years and are unable to provide a transcript, please provide a written statement explaining why you are unable to obtain the transcript and certifying your last known grade point average.
- One-page essay, expressing your need and how this will further your personal endeavors

**To apply, open the [2016 TSN Education Scholarship Application](#).**

**Please complete the linked application form, and submit it by May 31, 2016 11:59 pm with the required supporting documentation.**