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## 2023 Millennial Scholarship Application

The Riverside Church Millennial Scholarship Program offers youth involved in the ministry programs of the church scholarships to accredited colleges, universities and vocational programs. Annually the congregation gives several scholarships to eligible youth. These scholarships can be dispersed out over the course of one or four academic years. Since its inception the Millennial Scholarship program has dispersed more than \$400,000 to youth involved in our ministry programs.

### The Carl A. Fields Scholarship Award

\$15,000 College Scholarship

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### The Millicent Wiley Award

\$10,000 College Scholarship

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### The Daniels-Lorick Award

\$5,000 College Scholarship

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We the members of the committee look forward to reviewing your application, not only to get to know you, but also because we hope that you will make us think, if only for a moment, of Dr. Carl A. Fields Sr., Millicent Wiley, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you and good luck.



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## 2023 Eligibility Requirements

It is our hope that our scholarship recipients are dedicated to the principles of faith and justice in our communities and will desire to sustain a relationship with Riverside Church as recipients continue to evolve into adulthood.

Acceptance of the Riverside Millennial Scholarship Award comes with a commitment of two responsibilities to strengthen leadership skills and maintain connection to your Riverside community.

1. Join a Riverside committee, commission or program/activity at Riverside during at least one summer during your 4-year college tenure. Riverside Ministries:
  - Social Justice
  - Social Services
  - Parish Care & Community
  - Worship
  - Faith and Formation
  - Theatre of Oppressed
2. Complete 25 hours of volunteer service at Riverside after graduation.

There is flexibility in this requirement depending on student academic capacity. We encourage you to pursue summer internships and maintain communication on your summer endeavors. If you are unable to return to the Tri-state area in the summer, we strongly encourage you to seek the completion of your volunteer hours at local churches and/or faith-centered organizations in your area.

The year of volunteer service hours can be completed within two years of graduation unless there are extenuating circumstances.

We encourage recipients to be courageous and creative as possible in how service is completed. If you have ideas on how you wish to fulfill your volunteer hours, please reach out to Dr. Emily Anderson, [emily.anderson@ret.bmcc.cuny.edu](mailto:emily.anderson@ret.bmcc.cuny.edu).



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### The Carl A. Fields Scholarship Award

- Must be a baptized or confirmed member of The Riverside Church for a minimum of two years.
- Graduating High School Senior
- Must be consistently active in the Children & Youth Ministries of The Riverside Church, for at least two years including current year.
- Plan to enroll in the fall at an accredited four-year college or must have been born no earlier than January 1, 1999.
- Strong consideration given to those who demonstrate financial need. Students must submit a copy of either their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form (these are kept extremely confidential, and are only used to assess need).
- Scholastic Achievement: GPA range for this award 3.5 and above

### The Millicent Wiley Award

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- Graduating High School Senior
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- Plan to enroll in the fall at an accredited college and must have been born no earlier than January 1, 1999.
- Strong consideration given to those who demonstrate financial need. Students must submit a copy of either their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form (these are kept extremely confidential, and are only used to assess need).
- Scholastic Achievement: Expected GPA for this award: 3.2

### The Daniels-Lorick Award

- Graduating High School Senior or G.E.D. recipient
- Must have participated in a program of Riverside Youth Ministries or the Riverside Hawks, for at least one year including current year.
- Plan to enroll in the fall at an accredited college and must have been born no earlier than January 1, 1999.
- Strong consideration given to those who demonstrate financial need. Students must submit a copy of either their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form (these are kept extremely confidential, and are only used to assess need).
- Scholastic Achievement: Expected GPA of 2.5 or successful completion of a G.E.D



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Due: Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Circle one: *The Carl A. Fields Scholarship Award, The Millicent Wiley Award, The Daniels-Lorick Award*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please type or print legibly; use additional sheets if necessary)

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

### a. Student

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

(Home Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

### b. Family

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Home Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

## II. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- a. Extracurricular Activities (list student organizations, athletics, band, committees, etc. Indicate elected or appointed offices/positions held).

(Please attach proof where applicable—this can be a letter from a teacher, etc.)

Dates

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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b. Additional Activities, Honors and Awards (non-academic):

(Please attach proof where applicable—this can be a letter from a teacher, certificate, etc.)

Dates

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

c. Are you a member of The Riverside Church? Please include dates from and to:

_____
_____
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d. Who was your Confirmation Class Teacher: Please include dates from and to:

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_____
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e. Programs participated in at The Riverside Church: Please include dates from and to:

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_____
_____
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f. Community Service in or outside The Riverside Church: Please include dates from and to:

_____
_____
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_____

g. Community Awards and Honors:

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**III. ACADEMIC STANDING, HONORS AND AWARDS**

a. Academic Standing

GPA \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_ graduates

b. Honor Societies \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Scholarships Awarded and other Scholastic Honors:

Dates

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Please attach proof for awards, scholarships, and scholastic honors where applicable—this can be a letter from a teacher, certificate, etc.)

**IV. EMPLOYMENT**

Employer/Phone

Duties

Dates

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**V. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPLIED**

School Name

Accepted: Y/N/Wait Listed

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why you chose this school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Name

Accepted: Y/N/Wait Listed

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why you chose this school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Name

Accepted: Y/N/Wait Listed

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why you chose this school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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VI. *Personal Statement -- On a separate sheet of paper "Tell us about Yourself & Your Family" (1 page, font size 12, single spaced for statement)*

VII. *ESSAY QUESTIONS -- On a separate sheet of paper please respond to the following questions. (No page limit, font size 12, single spaced for each question)*

- a. How has your involvement with The Riverside Church and the youth programs and/or community service shaped who you are today and your plans for the future?
- b. How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected you and your family? What strategies have you used to deal with the challenges?
- c. What do you see as the most compelling issues facing young people now and why? How do you think these issues should be handled or addressed?
- d. How have your experiences at Riverside influenced your desire to make a difference in your community and or the world?
- e. Please indicate any special background, qualities, or unusual circumstances you would like the Committee to consider regarding your application.

VIII. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

- a. Please forward the following documents along with this application to the address listed below:
  - Official High School Transcript
  - (2) Letters of recommendation\*
    - 1 Teacher
    - 1 Community
  - Copy of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Statement

*\*Letters of recommendation cannot be written by a relative\**

Mailing Address:

Minister Nordia Bennett (they/she)  
Attention: Millennial Scholarship Committee Education Ministry  
The Riverside Church  
91 Claremont Avenue, Room 313  
New York, NY 10027

Due to COVID, we will also accept completed applications via email. In the subject line of the email state: "student name- millennial scholarship" and send to [NBennett@trcnyc.org](mailto:NBennett@trcnyc.org).

Completed application packets must be received by **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. Incomplete and/or late scholarship applications will not be evaluated. Faxed copies will not be accepted.



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*The information contained in this scholarship application, combined with information obtained in any additional sheets I may have attached, creates a full and fair representation of my circumstances as of this date. I will inform the Scholarship Committee in writing if any substantial change occurs.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

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Application Complete/Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_ Received \_\_\_\_\_





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## Applicant Checklist

Please ensure your scholarship packet is complete prior to mailing, as incomplete, e-mailed, or faxed applications will not be evaluated.

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ Official Guidance Counselor Nomination Form
- ☐ Letters of Recommendation-should not be written by a relative
  - ☐ Teacher
  - ☐ Community Service
- ☐ Official Academic Transcript
- ☐ Proof of Expected Family Contribution (also known as EFC) (from FAFSA.ed.gov)
- ☐ Personal Statement
- ☐ Essays
- ☐ Mail Complete Packet

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## Guidance Counselor Nomination Form

Name of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to nominate the following student, \_\_\_\_\_ (insert student name) for the (circle which scholarship student is applying for) The Carl A. Fields Scholarship Award, The Millicent Wiley Award, The Daniels-Lorick Award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

*Please return this form to the student for inclusion in the official application packet.*



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## RECOMMENDATION (REQUIRED)

**Instructions to student:** You must submit two letters of recommendation to be considered for any of the Scholarships. Please choose two people who know you well. The first person should be a teacher. The second should be someone who is familiar with your community service work, such as a volunteer supervisor, clergy member, or representative from a community agency. Letters should not be written by family members.

### SECTION I (to be completed by student)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First, Middle Initial

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and I ☐ do ☐ do not waive my right to access to this letter

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION II (to be completed by teacher or community service reference)

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Please provide a candid evaluation of the student's strengths, weaknesses and potential as a college student. Please attach a one-page, typewritten letter addressing the following four points. Your comments will be a great help to the selection committee, and we appreciate the time you take to introduce the student to us.

- How long and in what capacity have you known the student?
- What are some of the student's greatest personal strengths?
- How has the student made his/her community a better place?
- Please write a brief-statement about the student's potential as a college student.

### SECTION III (to be completed by teacher or community service reference)

Do you recommend this student as a potential recipient for the The Carl A. Fields Scholarship Award, The Millicent Wiley Award, and The Daniels-Lorick Award?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ With Reservation

Name of person providing recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ School/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this recommendation to the student in a sealed envelope and sign your name across the seal of the envelope.**



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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Is the Millennial Scholarship Program for undergraduates only?**

Yes, financial assistance is for undergraduate education. This includes both traditional, four-year institutions, as well as other alternate education, such as trade schools and/or community colleges.

**What is the deadline for submitting applications?**

The Millennial Scholarship Program requires that all materials be mailed in one packet and received by **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

**When can we expect to hear something back on the status of the application?**

Finalists will be selected no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>. Applicants can expect to be notified during that time. Interviews for selected finalists will take place during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and winners notified by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**When are letters of recommendation and school transcripts due? Can they be sent separately from my application?**

All application materials must be mailed in one packet. Please ensure your scholarship packet is complete prior to mailing or submitted via email, as incomplete, or faxed applications will not be evaluated.

**Do my letters of recommendation have to be written by teachers, or can they come from anyone?**

We ask for two letters of recommendation. At least one of these should be written by someone from your school, such as a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal. The second letter may be submitted by anyone who knows you well and can attest to your character, leadership ability, commitment to community service, and/or academic achievement. This can be someone you worked for, a mentor, or coach. It cannot be someone in your family, or a guardian.

**Why is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) needed to apply? Is there an income limit?**

Financial need is a factor that we consider in awarding scholarships. If you think that you will be eligible for financial aid at the colleges to which you are applying, you should apply to the Millennial Scholarship Program. All financial information is used solely to assess need, and is only seen by the Minister in charge of overseeing the scholarship's administration. The Minister will simply verify need to the committee without disclosing personal information.