

ECW Scholarship Report

September 4, 2007

The ECW Scholarship committee met in Birmingham on May 15th to evaluate and select recipients for 2007 – 2008 scholarship awards. Prior to the meeting, applications and church involvement surveys on each student were sent by mail to committee members for review. Committee members in attendance were Nancy Thompson, Marilyn Atkins, Sue Hagood, Darrah Stewart and Lisa Parrish. Those absent were Jane Elliott and Cathy Blackney.

A total of 26 applications were received from across the Diocese of Alabama. Twenty-five of these applications were evaluated and one disqualified for being a non-communicant of the diocese. Each applicant was rated on a basis of need (40%), church involvement (40%) and merit (20%). Although incomplete applications were not eliminated from the process, their score was adversely affected by the criteria they had left out. In total, we awarded \$12,500 to 20 recipients. The awards ranged from \$1000 to \$300.

After Bishop Parsley approved the process and the list of recipients, each student was then sent a letter regarding their application. Those receiving a scholarship were asked to send an enclosed card to the ECW treasurer with the name and the address of the college/university's financial office. It was made clear to each recipient that all checks would be made payable to the school's financial office only. It has been the experience of the committee, as well, as the treasurer, that we can no longer customize these funds. This information was to be received by the treasurer no later than a September 30th deadline or the scholarship would no longer be valid. I'm happy to say that this year the response was very timely. Since many schools bill earlier than September 30th, it is my suggestion that next year's date be August 30th. A news release with photographs of the recipients was sent to The Apostle, for the July/August issue.