

ECW Scholarship Report
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The Scholarship Committee met as scheduled in May to select the 2008 ECW Scholarship recipients. Sixteen students from across the Diocese of Alabama applied this year and, in order to be considered, met the April 30th deadline. Prior to our scheduled meeting, each committee member was able to review general information regarding each applicant. At the May 12th meeting each application was reviewed in detail. Fifteen applicants met the ECW Scholarship criteria. One applicant was disqualified because the student was not a member of the Diocese of Alabama nor an Episcopalian. This year the committee awarded each student the maximum of \$900 for an overall total of \$13,500. Bishop Parsley approved this list. Each student was then notified of their scholarship by email and asked to send in the name and address of the college or university they would be attending. A photo of each scholar was sent to Norm McKittrick and will be published in the Sept/Oct issue of the Apostle.

Although the new applications made the process clearer and more efficient, there are still some issues that need to be resolved before next year. Firstly, we need dating on all applications. Some of the students had access to old applications. Can we time date them on our website? Secondly, we are still having problems with some students accessing these funds if they are also receiving financial aid from their schools. Thirdly, there seems to be an inefficient disbursement of our checks to their schools. Several parents called saying the schools had not received the funds. Why can't this be done sooner and more often (refer to treasurers)?

Overall, I think the process was an improvement this year and the committee was excited to be able to award a sizeable sum to all applicants.