

ECW Scholarship Report September 1, 2009

The ECW Scholarship Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2009. Committee members present included Jolai Jenkins, Bethe Ensey, Adelaide Cherry and Scholarship Chairman, Nancy Thompson. President-elect Gethryn Giles also attended. The committee discussed and evaluated the applications of 20 students from parishes throughout the Diocese of Alabama. Students were evaluated according to their need, merit, and involvement in their church and community. An additional student's emailed application was added after the meeting. This was due to an oversight by the committee chairman. Since more and more students are emailing their applications, it is imperative that emails be checked up until midnight of the stated deadline. The final number of applications was 21. These applications represented 17 different parishes throughout the diocese. There were 13 female applicants and 8 male. One applicant applied for her second ECW scholarship.

All students who applied met the criteria set by the ECW Scholarship Fund and were granted awards. Although our trust funds and memorial gifts have suffered due to the downturn in the economy, we were able to disburse approximately \$10,400 in scholarships to the students.

A letter, including a list of the recipients, was sent to Bishop Parsley detailing the scholarship application process. Bishop Parsley sends the ECW his blessings and thanks us for "the careful labors in this endeavor and for the annual general support of our youth."

It is recommended that next year, for an application to be considered, it must be completed using the most current form available on the Diocesan website, and that it be emailed – or if mailed, then postmarked - on or before midnight of the previously designated final day of acceptance.