



NATIONAL FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR REPORT

60TH Annual Conclave

"Lighting up Cincinnati"

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Celebrating 75 Years of Chumdom

Greetings to our National President, Elizabeth Saunders, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, National Committee Chairs, Yellow Rose Council, Chapters, Emeritus and Associate Members of Chums.

Despite being in a second year of the COVID Viruses Pandemic, our Chums Chapters have worked diligently with young people to complete and submit applications for National Founders' Scholarships. Both chapters and applicants are to be commended for the outstanding applications. As we continue to social distance and our young people have hardly ever been in school buildings with their teachers and counselors, they have still been successful in being admitted to colleges and universities and submitting scholarship applications.

Our National Founders' Scholarship Committee encourages all chapters to stay in contact with all the young people with whom they have worked, and to encourage them and inquire about what they need. We want you to continue to support our young people as well as listen to the children!

The Scholarship Application deadline was June 30, 2021, and as of that date we have received 8 applications. Applicants were submitted from the following chapters either electronically or by postal mail:

- New York, New York
- Tri-City Chapter, North Carolina
- Chicago, Illinois
- Los Angeles, California
- Providence, Rhode Island
- Orlando, Florida
- Petersburg, Virginia
- Cincinnati, Ohio

This impressive set of applicants will be ranked based on academics; need; school leadership; and community involvement and leadership. The Committee will recommend up to 3 recipients for the \$5,000 in available scholarship funds. It is anticipated that a \$3,000, \$1,500, and a \$500 book scholarship will be recommended.

We are using Google Drive this year to organize applications, score sheets, and final results. Each Committee Member will review and score each application between September 10 – 30, 2021. The recommended scholarship recipients will be submitted to the National President and Executive Committee via a final National Scholarship Committee Report at the 2021 Conclave. The National Founders' Scholarship Committee Members are:

- Chair Regina Petteway – Raleigh (NC)
- Viola Mitchell – Greater Lansing (MI)
- Grace Bryant – New York (NY)
- Shirley Dobie - Petersburg (VA)
- Grace Tipper King – San Francisco Bay Area (CA)
- Ruthie Walker – Charleston (SC)
- Jacqueline McNeil Watts - Charlotte (NC)
- Adrienne Macklin-Konigar – Los Angeles

Finally, please see the two attached thank you letters from two of our most recent scholarship recipients. These young ladies have taken the time to thank us, and it is touching to know that the National Chapter of Chums Incorporated has done an outstanding job in selecting scholarship recipients. Chums Sisters, we are making a difference in the lives of these young people. Along with our local chapters, we can be proud of the support we give!

Report Submitted by:

Regina Petteway – Raleigh (NC) Chapter
National Founders' Scholarship Committee Chair

ATTACHMENT 1

Regina Pettey,

I hope I spelled your name correctly, I received your contact information from Debbie Bennett. I am the recipient of the CHUMS National Scholarship this previous academic year. I meant to send you this a long time ago, then the pandemic hit and life became even more difficult. I have never been more blessed in my life than being able to graduate and attend North Carolina State University. If you read my essay to the scholarship, I am sure you have some idea of how difficult my life has been. I grew up with little support, and the only light of hope I found was in school. To become a teacher and be that support for others is the most important role I will ever fulfill. Thanks to your kindness and ability to see potential in me that so many others have not, I am well on my way to becoming a role model that I pray will be helpful to impact those that need it.

I hope that the opportunities you have given me can be given to others in need of such support and hope. I graduate spring of 2022! I will then be a high school English teacher. In this card, I have provided a picture of myself taken this fall. I am in a program at NCSU for first generation college students from rural and under served areas. There, I have found a family and have developed leadership skills. Thank you for making all of this possible,

Sincerely,
Ellen Denning

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ATTACHMENT 2

May 04, 2020

Dear Regina Petteaway,

My name is Cartlie Vincent, a 2020 William Fleming High School graduate and the first-place winner of the \$3,000 Chums National Founders' Scholarship. I am currently finishing my first year at the University of Virginia. I wanted to express my gratitude for your support and for believing in me. Before entering college, I set a goal to earn my undergraduate degree debt-free because I also plan on going to medical school. So far, with your support, I will be completing my first year at UVA debt-free. Part of the scholarship money went towards my tuition, and the rest went towards my textbooks. Words cannot express how thankful I am.

Looking forward to the future, I still plan on going to medical school to become a pediatric surgeon, although I will keep my mind open to exploring all my other options within the surgical and medical field. Hopefully, I can audition for the Charlottesville Symphony in the Fall; I could not audition this year because of the pandemic. Also, I am looking forward to declaring my major in the Spring of my second year. While doing some research and writing some papers about the University of Virginia's Health System, I have developed an interest in public health. So, as of now, I want to major in Human Biology in the Distinguished Majors Program at UVA.

Because of your support and the Chums National Founders' Scholarship award, I am able to focus on my education and not have to worry about whether or not I can achieve my goals because of financial problems. Thank you for believing in me and investing in my future and dreams.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cartlie Vincent". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Cartlie Vincent".