HARRY HOSIER AWARD

The Harry Hosier Award is a scholarship designated for prospective African-American students in honor of Harry Hosier.

Harry Hosier, the first black preacher of Methodism, was born a slave near Fayetteville, North Carolina. Even though he was illiterate, he became one of the most eloquent preachers of his day. As Francis Asbury's itinerant companion, he became a popular orator who was able to reach out to the enslaved, the poor, and the uneducated. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide and maintain an awareness of the value the college places on ethnic diversity and its attention to multicultural concerns on campus.

Two scholarships equal to 70% of tuition are awarded to first-time freshmen students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic achievement. U.S. citizenship and a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale are required for consideration. Evaluation will also include academic records, test scores, rank in class, extracurricular activities (particularly as they relate to African-American ethnic minority concerns), leadership ability, quality of program, one letter of recommendation, an essay of 500 words or less and an interview.

Included in this packet is a prompt for the essay and a recommendation form. The letter of recommendation may be attached as a separate document or written directly on the recommendation form itself. It is the responsibility of the applicant to schedule a visit to the college for an interview. If a visit is not possible, it is the applicant’s responsibility to contact his or her admissions counselor to make other interview arrangements. The interview will consist of a thirty-minute discussion session. This session will include the applicant and a small panel (2-3 persons) comprised of a combination of Asbury University faculty, staff, and students. During the interview, the student will be asked to speak in depth about his or her academic and extra-curricular experiences to date and to examine the significance of his or her own cultural heritage among other topics.

This award may be renewed for up to four years provided the recipient maintains at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA and continues to demonstrate the outstanding qualities that led to the selection. A recipient who does not meet the minimum GPA at the end of an academic year shall forfeit the scholarship permanently.

Key Dates and Deadlines:

- **January 1, 2012**: Students may submit applications and schedule interviews.
- **February 24, 2012**: Final day to arrange scholarship interviews with the Office of Admissions. Students are encouraged to arrange and complete scholarship interviews prior to this date.
- **March 2, 2012**: All application materials must be submitted and the interview must be completed no later than Friday, March 2, 2012.
APPLICATION FOR THE HARRY HOSIER AWARD

Due no later than Friday, March 2, 2012

Name (please print): ___________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________

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I, the applicant, certify that this essay is my own work and becomes the property of Asbury University once it has been submitted.

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________________

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Written Essay for the Harry Hosier Award

Please respond in a typed essay that should be no more than 500 words in length. Read carefully the essay topic below. Be sure to be as specific as possible when responding to the topic.

W.E.B. DuBois, the African-American educator and leader, wrote near the turn of the century:

One ever feels his twoness, --an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder... The history of the American Negro is the history of this strife, -- this longing to attain self-conscious manhood, to merge his double self into a better and truer self. In this merging he wishes neither of the older selves to be lost. He would not Africanize America, for America has too much to teach the world and Africa. He would not bleach his Negro soul in a flood of white Americanism, for he knows that Negro blood has a message for the world. He simply wishes to make it possible for a man to be both a Negro and an American.

Although times change, DuBois' sense of the importance of one's ethnicity remains valuable; no matter whether one is African-American or from any other group. DuBois' sense of the tension between ethnic heritage and participation in American life is still true. Respond to DuBois' statement by discussing what your sense of your heritage has contributed to your experience as an American.
RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR THE HARRY HOSIER AWARD
Due no later than Friday, March 2, 2012

Competitive Award for African-American Students showing Academic Excellence

Note: Please choose a high school teacher, college professor, guidance counselor or mentor with whom you are well acquainted to complete this form.

Applicant’s Name ___________________________________________ Date _______________________

The Admissions Office thanks you for taking the time to submit a letter of recommendation for this student. We would appreciate your honest feedback regarding this applicant’s character, reputation, and promise of profiting from a college career at Asbury University. Please also address the student’s involvement in leadership positions and efforts to promote a healthy view of diversity. Submit this form, along with the letter of recommendation, by Friday, March 2nd to:

John Zambenini
Admissions Office
1 Macklem Drive
Wilmore, KY 40390
Phone: 1-800-888-1818 x2182
Fax: 859-858-3921

Note: To be completed by applicant’s choice for recommendation. Please print.

Your Name _______________________________________________________________________________

Occupation _______________________________________________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________ City State Zip Code

Telephone ( ) ____________________ ( ) ____________________

Work Home

State length and type of relationship to applicant: ____________________________________________

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