



*The Association
for the Improvement of Minorities
in the Internal Revenue Service*

Shirley Ray Memorial Scholarship²

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Memorandum

To: AIM-IRS National

From: AIM-IRS National Scholarship Committee

Date: June 22, 2022

RE: Modestine Haynes Memorial Scholarship and Shirley Ray Memorial Scholarship

As we continue to navigate through unprecedeted times, the AIM-IRS organization strives to maintain our focus on upholding the value of education as a vehicle for improvement towards a person's desired success. To that end, we are excited to have the opportunity to award up to 14 educational scholarships this year. Seven scholarships for the Modestine Hayes Memorial and seven for the Shirley Ray Memorial will be paid as voted on by our national board. Each scholarship awarded will be for \$1,000. In the event we do not have seven scholarship recipients to be awarded for one of the scholarships, we will move the funds to the other to pay out a total of 14 (or as many as qualified if less) scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year.

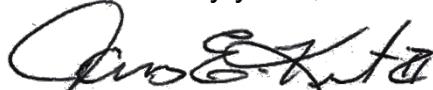
The scholarship applications have been posted on the [AIM-IRS National website](#). The applications can be mailed to:

National Scholarship Committee
c/o Gwenda Carter-Louis
8536 Evergreen Dr.
Florence, KY 41042

or submitted by email at AIMNatlScholarships@gmail.com. The application must be postmarked on or before July 22, 2022 by 12 midnight. Any applications received in government envelopes will automatically be disqualified. The scholarship winners will be announced during the 2022 AIM-IRS Annual Business Meeting on August 3rd.

The scholarship recipients will receive email notification within ten business days from the ending date of the Annual Business Meeting. The check for the scholarship will be made payable to the scholarship recipient's college/university and a letter provided from AIM-IRS. A copy of the letter will also be provided to the scholarship recipient. If the scholarship recipient has paid their tuition/books in full, we will request a copy of the receipt and write a check directly to the recipient for reimbursement.

Respectfully yours,



James E. Kent II
National President

Shirley Ray Memorial Scholarship



SHIRLEY RAY

Shirley Corrine Ray was born in Selma, Alabama on July 22, 1935. Nurturing and mentoring became a way of life for Shirley, as she exemplified the importance of community involvement and helping your fellow man. She graduated from Commerce High School in Detroit in 1952. She attended Wayne State University and later graduated from Oakland University with a degree in Accounting.

At the Internal Revenue Service, she held position as Revenue Agent, Revenue Agent Group Manager, and Equal Opportunity Officer. She was a classroom instructor and often taught tax classes during VITA season as well as working as a VITA volunteer. She was involved in the formation of the Michigan Chapter of AIM-IRS where she served on the Board of Directors for many years. She served as the first National Executive Secretary of AIM-IRS 1986-1995 She provided resources to help AIM members and encourage minority employees to use AIM to further their career goals. Shirley worked tirelessly, and in her unusual supportive way, she used it to help family members, co-workers, and others reach their goals.

After retirement, Shirley immediately decided to pursue her dream project. Recognizing a need for disadvantaged children to have computers in their homes, Shirley would purchase new computers out of her own pocket and donate them to children who demonstrated a need but couldn't afford one. She worked with TechTown restoring donated computers and distributing them to inner city children.

The Shirley Ray Scholarship was established in 2012 to acknowledge Shirley's strong commitment to education of inner-city youth, Community outreach and AIM. Her leadership in Detroit led to other chapters taking the torch and establishing similar partnerships to educate inner city youth on computer skills.



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Scholarship Requirements

AIM members and their immediate family can apply for the scholarship, if they meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be or will be enrolled in an accredited college/ university or trade school for the year in which they are applying.
- The applicant must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher and must provide current transcripts from the school that they are attending.
- The applicant must have participated in a recent AIM activity or a community service project
- The applicant must complete an essay on the topic included in application in 500 words or less.
- The application must be typewritten and postmarked by the due date specified.
- Handwritten or late application will not be considered.
- The applicant must be a current member of AIM or immediate family (spouse, parent, sibling, child (including step & adopted), grandchild or of legal guardianship) of a current member.
- Applications that are sent electronically using IRS systems will not be considered.

Stipulations for Scholarship Use

1. The scholarship may be used for tuition and books at an accredited institution only.
 - Payment may be made directly to the school which allows qualified expenses to be charged against it or to recipient upon submission of itemized receipts to the Scholarship Committee. In the event expenses are submitted for only part of the scholarship amount, AIM-IRS will retain the remaining amount until additional receipts are submitted for payment. If any funds from a scholarship award remain unclaimed after one (1) year, the funds will be returned to the general scholarship fund.
2. The National Board of Directors reserves the right to approve or disapprove any application for this scholarship
3. AIM-IRS reserves the right to publish, post to our website or include in our documentations any essays or statements that are associated with the scholarship application. The applicant name may be included in published documents or the website.
 - The information will be used only to demonstrate the organization involvement in the community.
4. Only applicants seeking an undergraduate or master's degree program or the equivalent are eligible for the scholarship. If you are in a master hybrid program, please provide a description of the program.
5. Applicant is ineligible for the scholarship if they have received prior postgraduate or doctoral degrees.
6. Applicants are eligible to be a recipient of the scholarship a maximum of three times. However, the applicant can apply for the scholarship during their undergraduate or master's degree program or the equivalent. The three-year limitation includes applicants who may apply for the Modestine Haynes Scholarship.
7. Eligible applicants include AIM-IRS members and their immediate family as described in Scholarship Requirements Section. Other relatives & godchildren are ineligible.

I fully understand the conditions of this Scholarship Award and agree to abide by the requirements for this scholarship.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Typed name represents valid signature.



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Shirley Ray Scholarship Application

Name:

eMail:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Home:

Cell:

School Attending:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

School Contact:

Current School:

AIM Member:

Year:

Applicant is AIM Member:

Yes

No

Relationship to AIM Member:



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AIM Activities:

Community Activities:

Current Transcript Attached: Yes No

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Applicants are eligible to be a recipient of the scholarship a maximum of three times.

Only applicants seeking an undergraduate, master's degree or equivalent program are eligible for the scholarship. The three year limitation includes applicants who may apply for the Modestine Haynes Scholarship.

Applicants are ineligible for the award if they have earned prior post graduate degrees.

An AIM member must belong to the AIM organization at least two full years as an AIM chapter-contributing member to qualify for AIM national scholarship.



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Application

**Essay: How you help contribute to our world in
the future? 500 words or less**

Signature:

Date:

Typed name represents valid signature.