



# EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## **The Dr. LaToya Smith Memorial Medical School Scholarship**

The Educational and Charitable Foundation ("ECF") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which supports community services, educational programs, and philanthropic priorities. This **\$10,000 nonrenewable scholarship** is competitively awarded to African-American female students (U.S. citizens only) pursuing degrees in medical disciplines from an accredited medical school in the United States.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicant must be an African-American female.
- Applicant must be a student in an accredited medical school making satisfactory academic progress.
- The scholarship winner or a designee must attend the ECF Annual Book Signing Awards Program on Saturday April 6, 2019 in Springfield, VA and provide a one to two minute acceptance speech. Failure to attend the awards program may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

### **Application Deadline**

- **All materials must be received via email on or before February 23, 2019.**

### **How to Apply**

The Scholarship Committee will only review completed applications that contain the following documentation:

- **Typed scholarship application form submitted electronically via email only to [ecfeducation@gmail.com](mailto:ecfeducation@gmail.com)**
- A copy of your curriculum vitae.
- Essay responses to each of the following topics outlined on page three of the application.
- An official/current medical school transcript.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a medical school professor and one (1) personal recommendation.

### **Contact Information**

Send all inquiries to [ecfeducation@gmail.com](mailto:ecfeducation@gmail.com) with **Medical School Scholarship** in the subject line.

*Scholarship funds are sent directly to the medical college and can be applied to offset tuition, fees, books and other academic necessities.*

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## Personal Information

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing Address

Street Address/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent Mailing Address (if different from above)

Street Address/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist: Have you included...

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Official/Current Medical School Transcript
- ✓ Essay Responses

### ADDENDUM: About Dr. LaToya Smith

Dr. LaToya Denita (Carson) Smith had been on a race throughout her life. By her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, she was a college graduate. On an academic scholarship and first in her class, Dr. Smith received a Doctorate in Podiatric Medicine, as well as numerous awards and fellowships by the age of 25. Dr. Smith participated in medical missions to Africa, the Caribbean, and on Native American reservations. In October 2011, Dr. Smith emailed family and friends the following:

*"After over a year of battling this cancer with surgery, radiation, immuno and chemotherapies, the doctors have decided to discontinue their efforts and put me in hospice care. ... Though my outward man is perishing, my inward man is being renewed daily. I truly see how the Lord had been able to use my life and situation for His glory. When the apostle Paul was getting ready to die, he looked back over his life and found pride in three things: that he fought a good fight, that he ran his race, and that he kept the faith. As I look back, I do not consider my academic accomplishments, my professional strides, or even my social networks. I am simply happy that Christ has been formed in me and that the Lord got glory out of my life."*

Two months later at the age of 29, Dr. Smith finished her race.

## ESSAY TOPICS

**TOPIC 1: Medical Discipline** -- What medical discipline will you study and why? Discuss how your medical studies will enable you to make significant contributions to the community in the future.

**TOPIC 2: Financial Need** -- How much are your medical school expenses for the upcoming year? What are your funding sources? How much is unfunded? How will you meet the shortfall?

**TOPIC 3: Medical Related Community Service** -- What medical related community service activities have you performed (include number of hours and dates)? How have you made a difference to the community?

**TOPIC 4: Christianity and Medicine** -- How has your spirituality and/or belief system influenced your goal to work in the medical field?

**I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted herewith is true and correct.**

**Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY RESPONSES

**Respond to the above topics in 200-250 words each.**