



PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Victor E. Bibbins, Sr. Ph.D. Scholarship

DEADLINE – 04-15-2019

In recognition and honor of the outstanding service to the African American Church connectional, education, and civic affairs, a legacy scholarship was established in the name of **Dr. Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D.**, from contributions and donations by his loving widow, Mrs. Odessa Bradley Bibbins, Metropolitan African Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., and family and friends. During Dr. Bibbins' distinguished tenure as a Payne Theological Seminary Board of Trustees member during the 1990's, the Seminary built Payne Village, a residential facility, and made major repairs to existing buildings on campus.

The Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D. Scholarship, administered by the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church Endowment will award his \$1,500 legacy scholarship annually. Applicants accepted at Payne or currently enrolled must submit their completed applications and required materials by the April 15th deadline each year. The Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D. Scholarship is announced by May 30 and presented on the second Sunday in June as part of the Youth Day celebration at Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, in Washington, D.C. (**See Scholarship Application, materials, and instructions**).

Mail your completed application and supporting documents (Academic Transcript, Personal Statement, Pertinent Information, i.e., Honors, Awards, Special Programs, and two Letters of Recommendation) by the [filing deadline, April 15, 2019](#), to:

The Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D., Scholarship, c/o
Metropolitan A.M.E. Church Scholarship Endowment
P. O. Box 19322
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dr. Bibbins' Legacy

Dr. Victor E. Bibbins was a 4th generation AME, who gave himself to Christ as a teenager. As a young adult, he served as a Steward at Bethel AME Church in Detroit, MI.

In 1978, he transferred his membership to Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C. the National Cathedral of African Methodism. In May 1980, the late Right Reverend Robert L. Pruitt, then pastor of Metropolitan AME Church appointed Dr. Bibbins to the Board of Stewards. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed as the Chair of the Class Leader System, where he served for 15 years under the Reverend Dr. Rodger Reed and the Right Reverend William P. Deveau.

From 1994-2001, Dr. Bibbins lived in Elizabeth City, NC, and later Chesapeake, VA where he worshiped at Saint Johns AME in Norfolk, VA. Upon his return to the Washington D.C. area in 2003, he was re-nominated and appointed to the Steward Board by the Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Braxton, and was again tasked with strengthening Class-Leadership at Metropolitan AME. He was elevated to Steward Emeritus in March 2010.

Early in his career, Dr. Bibbins taught and counseled in secondary education at the community college level in Detroit, MI. He received the B.S. and M.A. degrees from Western Michigan University, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan. He went on to serve as the Director of the Employee Assistance Program for the

Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. He was a significant contributor to the development of policy guidelines for the "Diversity Awareness Program", which resulted in the training of over 3,000 government employees for developing skills of cultural competency. His expertise in multiculturalism, led to the honor of serving as the National President of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development, a division of the American Counseling Association.

Dr. Bibbins had a distinguished 40-year track record as an experienced educator in applied behavioral sciences. He served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for Elizabeth City State University, Dean of Students for Northern Virginia Community College, and Executive Assistant to the President of Edward Waters College. Dr. Bibbins retired from Northern Virginia Community College in 2009, where he served as the Chief Student Services Officer of the Manassas Campus for eight years.

His community service was also distinguished through his membership in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, as a 33rd Degree Mason of the Prince Hall Lodge, the Mighty Men of Metropolitan, the Men's Choir, the Lay Organization, and the Creative and Performing Arts Center, Inc. (CAPAC), in Manassas, VA.

He was called to his "highest good" on October 17, 2010.

The Award

Dr. Bibbins served on the Board of Trustees of Payne Theological Seminary, during the tenure of Dr. Louis-Charles Harvey, President Emeritus. He helped facilitate the construction of a campus residential facility, Payne Campus Village, which bears his name among the trustees on the cornerstone.

In loving memory of Dr. Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., a \$1500 scholarship will be disbursed from the funds donated in his memory, through the Metropolitan AME Church Scholarship Endowment - Payne Tanner Memorial for a student admitted to/attending Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Go to the Metropolitan AME Church website:
<http://www.metropolitanamec.org>
in Washington, DC to access and download the application, for submission between:

February 15 – April 15 of each year

and MAIL to:

Metropolitan AME Church
Scholarship Endowment – Payne
Tanner Memorial, P.O. Box 19322,
Washington, DC 20036



INSTRUCTIONS FOR

Letter of Recommendation

The Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D.

Scholarship

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 19322

Washington, D.C. 20036

The Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D. Legacy

Dear Professor, Counselor, or Advisor:

Your student, _____ has applied for a financial award from the **Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph.D. Scholarship** for this year.

In order for the Scholarship Committee to consider fairly and evaluate this applicant, we request that you submit a letter of recommendation. Your comments should be detailed and specifically address, but need not be limited to, the following items:

- Does the applicant perform up to his/her academic ability? Provide your observations of the applicant's interactions in the academic environment.
- What leadership qualities does the applicant demonstrate? Please give specific examples.
- Comment on the applicant's involvement in extracurricular seminary activities, and any offices held.
- Comment on the applicant's involvement in community activities.
- Comment on the applicant's plans to achieve his/her career goals.

Please address all five areas cited above. The Scholarship Committee considers your input to be critical. It is imperative that your response be received **by or before April 15th.**

Please forward your comments to:

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To ensure that your letter is received by the Scholarship Committee, please do not fax or mail to Metropolitan A.M.E. Church.

With warm regard,

Chair,
The Scholarship Committee

