

The National Council of Meridianites, Incorporated

Roots Scholarship Fund. Scholarships shall be awarded to help deserving graduates who have expressed a desire to further their education beyond high school, and to perpetuate the high standards of The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.

1. The vice president is the chairperson of the scholarship committee. He/she shall mail scholarship application forms to the chapter presidents by January 15th of the convention year.
2. The completed application(s) shall be sent to the vice president by the student no later than May 1. The vice president shall examine each application for completeness before acceptance.
3. The vice president shall submit all applications to the scholarship committee at the biennial meeting.
4. The scholarship committee will meet in conjunction with the biennial meeting on the weekend of the national convention. The time will be scheduled by the national president.
5. The scholarship committee may award a maximum of two (2) scholarships, with a total dollar amount not exceeding the scholarship budget. The amount shall be determined based on available funds

National Council of Meridianites, Inc. Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey Scholarship Foundation

About The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.

A small group of Meridian, Mississippi natives met in Detroit, Michigan, in 1967. Since that humble beginning the group is comprised of 11 chapters divided into five regions and has taken the official name, *The National Council of Meridianites, Incorporated*®. The group meets yearly in various cities to maintain friendships, while providing leadership and service to future generations.

About Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey

A native of Meridian, Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey is a third generation teacher. She is also a third generation writer. Some of her titles are: Little Martin Coloring Book, The Descendants of Tom and Maude Caffey, Remember Miss Sadie, and Mother You Wouldn't Believe.

Jacquelyn has been an educator for over 36 years. Her formal education includes graduating from T. J. Harris High School, Meridian, MS; a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN; and a Master of Arts in Education from Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

Jacquelyn earned the Michigan Teacher of The Year Award in 1986 and was one of four finalists for the National Teacher of The Year Award that same year. She has conducted numerous seminars, appeared on numerous forums and television programs including The Truth About Teachers, hosted by Whoopi Goldberg. She has inspired many of her students and even some parents to begin writing. She is an advocate for students and truly an ambassador for education.

On June 28, 1996, The National Council of Meridianites, Inc. approved the establishment of The National Council of Meridianites Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey Scholarship Foundation and the establishment of The Foundation to create a permanent source of financial support for the Scholarship Program. The brain child of Dr. Larry Walker The Foundation was organized to solicit funds and to invest these funds to earn monies that can be awarded as NCM/JSC Scholarships in perpetuity. The Foundation's goal was to solicit a minimum of \$20,000 in the first year and a minimum of \$100,000 in the first five years. By taking this vital step the NCM/JSC Foundation joins a network of several thousand foundations throughout the U.S. which constitute the fastest growing sector of American Philanthropy. Section III – Scholarship Foundation Amount and Required Essay Topic The NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Board will determine the amount of the scholarship for the Foundation on a biennial basis. The Foundation's Board will choose a different essay topic biennially after reviewing topics submitted by the NCM Scholarship Committee. The amount of the scholarship and the topic shall be given to the Law and Revision Committee by October 31, after the convention, for inclusion on the Foundation's Scholarship Application Form.

The following are approved funding sources by the Foundation's Board of Directors. 1. A n a n n u a l luncheon shall be scheduled with the admission profits used to advertise and promote t h e Scholarship Foundation. 2. Federal tax deductible donations The Foundation's Board developed the following solicitation plan to recognize contributors for their federal tax deductible donations Founders' Club Recognition was awarded to individuals who make a single contribution of \$1,000 or more by May 1, 1997; Diamond Club Recognition shall be given to individuals, couples, groups or businesses that make an aggregate contribution of \$10,000 or more to the NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Program; Covenant Club Recognition shall be given to individuals, couples, groups or businesses that make an aggregate contribution of \$5,000 or more to the NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Program; Thousand Plus Club Recognition is awarded to Businesses, Couples and Groups that make a single contribution of \$1,000 or more. Presidents' Club Recognition is awarded to individuals who make a single contribution of \$500 or more. Gold, Silver and Bronze Members Club Recognition is awarded to individuals who make a single contribution of \$100 or more (Gold), \$50 or more (Silver) or \$25 or more (Bronze).