



# Hosanna Community House, Incorporated College Scholarships

The Hosanna School, also known as the Berkley School, was the first of the four Freedmen's Bureau schoolhouses in Harford County, Maryland. The Hosanna Community House Inc., formed in 1948, runs the museum and works to bring visitors from all over the country to visit the living schoolhouse museum and encourages locals to use it as a community center. The mission of Hosanna Community House, doing business as (dba) Hosanna School Museum, is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Harford County, Maryland through the lens of the African American experience within national contexts.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible Harford County graduating high school students are encouraged to apply for the scholarships.

1. Edward J. Presberry Hosanna Community House, Inc. President's Book Award Scholarship - \$500.00.
2. Christine P. Tolbert Hosanna School Museum Founder's Scholarship - \$1,000.00.



Edward J. Presberry



Christine P. Tolbert

## GOT QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT:

- EMAIL ADDRESS:  
[admin@hosannaschoolmuseum.org](mailto:admin@hosannaschoolmuseum.org)
- POC NAME: Scholarship Committee Chair,  
Sharon B. Jacobs  
Phone Number: (301) 775-7936

**Christine P. Tolbert Hosanna School Museum Founder Scholarship**  
**Valued at \$1,000.00**

The following qualifications must be met:

1. Must be a Harford County resident.
2. Accepted/attend an accredited Historically Black College or University, or Community College majoring in an Arts or Humanities Degree.
3. At least a 3.2 grade point average (unweighted). Official Transcript required.
4. A type-written 350-word essay. TOPIC: "How do you think cultural programs in your community could better support students' interests in the arts and humanities?" (Content, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and written within defined word count will be considered.)
5. One letter of recommendation from either Guidance counselor, High School faculty member, or Organization member where you volunteer community service.
6. Resume
7. Recent photo

**Christine P. Tolbert Hosanna School Museum Founder's Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

High School Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Date of GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

College Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

College Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Major \_\_\_\_\_

In your resume, please include the following:

1. Your participation in community services activities – number of volunteer hours.
2. Employment history – average weekly hours worked.
3. Extra-curricular school activities.
4. Any high school or national awards or honors you have received including dates of awards and honors.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Legal Guardian Printed Name (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed:  Application  Official high school transcript w/seal  College/University acceptance letter  Essay  Resume  Recent Photo  Recommendation letter

**Mail one completed scholarship packet postmarked no later than April 15, 2026 to: Hosanna Community House, Incorporated, ATTN: Scholarship Committee (Sharon Jacobs) P.O. Box 305 Darlington, Maryland 21034, or email one pdf packet to [admin@HosannaSchoolMuseum.org](mailto:admin@HosannaSchoolMuseum.org)**

## **Edward J. Presberry Hosanna School Museum President's Book Award Scholarship**

The following qualifications must be met:

**Valued at \$500.00**

1. Must be a Harford County resident.
2. Accepted/attend an accredited Historically Black College or University, or Community College majoring in an Arts or Humanities Degree.
3. At least a 3.2 grade point average (unweighted). Official Transcript required.
4. A type-written 350-word essay. TOPIC: "How do you think cultural programs in your community could better support students' interests in the arts and humanities?" (Content, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and written within defined word count will be considered.)
5. One letter of recommendation from either Guidance counselor, High School faculty member, or Organization member where you volunteer community service.
6. Resume
7. Recent photo

### **Edward J. Presberry Hosanna School Museum President's Book Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Full Address \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Date of GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_  
College Full Address \_\_\_\_\_  
College Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Major \_\_\_\_\_

In your resume, please include the following:

1. Your participation in community services activities – number of volunteer hours.
2. Employment history – average weekly hours worked.
3. Extra-curricular school activities.
4. Any high school or national awards or honors you have received including dates of awards and honors.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Legal Guardian Printed Name (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed:  Application  Official high school transcript w/seal  College/University acceptance letter  Essay  Resume  Recent Photo  Recommendation letter

**Mail one completed scholarship packet postmarked no later than April 15, 2026 to: Hosanna Community House, Incorporated, ATTN: Scholarship Committee (Sharon Jacobs) P.O. Box 305 Darlington, Maryland 21034, or email one pdf packet to [admin@HosannaSchoolMuseum.org](mailto:admin@HosannaSchoolMuseum.org)**

## Rules

Submitted essays become the property of Hosanna Community House, Incorporated and may be included in future Hosanna Community House, Incorporated website, brochures, newspapers and other forms of media publication.

When the application is submitted and signed by the applicant, or if a minor, applicant's parent or legal guardian, the applicant consents and authorizes the use of the applicant's name and photograph in Hosanna Community House, Inc. publication, advertisement, publicity and correspondence.

Applicants must provide proof of admission from the intended college where the scholarship award is to be applied because the scholarship will be awarded in a check form payable to the recipient and the school.

Scholarships are limited to a one-time award. Hosanna Community House, Inc. reserves the right to select recipients. Decisions are final.

Hosanna Community House, Inc. Board Members, Employees, and their immediate family members are NOT eligible for the scholarships.

Signed and completed applications must be postmarked or received no later than **March 31, 2026**. **Applications received after that date will NOT be considered.**