

OUR MISSION

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg strives to be a beacon of love, tolerance, justice, reason and spiritual exploration as we worship together and foster growth in ourselves, each other, our community and our earth.



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or, better yet, drop by and see us!
The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
1280 Clover Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17113

*Affiliated with The Unitarian Universalist
Association*

**Could You Use
\$5,000
to Continue
Your Education?**



*The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
presents the*
**Oliver LaGrone
Scholarship**
*offering \$1,250 per year for four
years of post-secondary education*

The Scholarship

A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,250 PER YEAR
FOR FOUR YEARS CAN BE YOURS,

*** IF ***

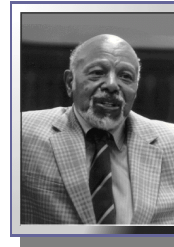
- ⇒ You are a Harrisburg School District student or a graduate of the Harrisburg School District (graduates must apply within five years of their graduation)
- ⇒ You are an applicant at an accredited post-secondary institution such as a college, business school, technical school, school of nursing, or an institute of fine arts
- ⇒ You are motivated to continue your education despite obstacles
- ⇒ You can demonstrate financial need
- ⇒ You have gained knowledge and skills from life that will help you succeed in the future

**IF YOU HAVE THESE QUALITIES, PLEASE
APPLY, EVEN IF YOUR ACADEMIC
RECORD IS NOT OUTSTANDING!**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION: APRIL 15
AWARD CEREMONY: 1st SUNDAY IN JUNE

(open for further details and application)

Oliver LaGrone



Oliver LaGrone, a longtime Unitarian Universalist, was noted as a poet, sculptor, educator, and humanitarian. He was personally a man of towering intellect and prodigious creativity, an elegant man with a knowing spirit.

After graduating from New Mexico University with degrees in sociology and fine arts, Mr. LaGrone attended Howard University, Cranbrook Academy of Art near Detroit, and Wayne State University.

In 1970, LaGrone was invited to lecture in art and African-American history at the Pennsylvania State University. In 1975 he became Artist-in-Residence to all 21 branches at Penn State, and then Artist-in-Residence to the Hershey Foundation and the Boas Center for Learning in the Harrisburg School District. In 1980, Mayor Stephen Reed declared February 3rd as Oliver LaGrone Day. In 1993 the same day was again proclaimed Oliver LaGrone Day by the City of Harrisburg, in response to an Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund recommendation. His poems, articles and reviews have appeared in numerous publications.

Oliver inspired a group of people to establish a scholarship program in his name in 1974 at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg where he was a member. Funds to establish the scholarship came from many fundraisers and the donations of many individuals and organizations. Oliver originally gave the Fund the proceeds from the sale of one of his sculptures, "The Dancer."

Oliver LaGrone died at age 89 in October 1995, leaving an inspiring legacy through his artwork, writings, and this scholarship program.

Application & Selection of Recipient

You must complete the enclosed scholarship application form. You must attach three other items:

- ⇒ copies of your transcripts from at least the past two semesters,
- ⇒ a copy of your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Student Aid Report (SAR), and
- ⇒ a brief portrayal of YOU! This can be in written form, or you can get creative, as described on the application.

Assistance is available to complete this form or other financial assistance applications. Just call the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg at (717) 564-4761. If you need additional space to answer any question in this application, feel free to add a separate sheet.

The Selection Committee will include members of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg and representatives of the local community. Interviews will be scheduled after submitted applications have been reviewed.

The scholarship may be used for any legitimate costs connected with schooling, such as tuition, room, board, books, transportation, and child care.

Mentor Program

Members of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg can help you in a variety of ways, if needed. For instance, if transportation to and from school is a problem, assistance can be arranged. Maybe you're having a problem connecting with a child care provider. Maybe you want tutoring help with a tough math class. Maybe you would appreciate assistance in dealing with the student loan office at your school. Maybe...

You get the idea. Help will be matched to your particular needs if you would like a hand dealing with a problem that will affect your doing your best at school. In other words, the UCH has a pool of people who can assist scholarship recipients in a variety of ways. They are called "mentors." Your mentor will arrange the match between your need and the available assistance in any reasonable way possible.

Renewal

We welcome and encourage you to reapply. Simply submit your transcripts and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or Student Aid Report (SAR) each year. With satisfactory performance on your part, \$1250 will be available to you each year for four years.



Scholarship Application Form

MAIL
TO:

Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee
Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
1280 Clover Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17113

Name		Birth Date	Home Phone	Work Phone
Street Address		City/State/Zip Code		
Advisor's Name		Current High School, College, or Trade School/Year of Graduation		
Interests/Special Talents/Favorite Classes/Activities (school, community, church, etc). You may continue on a separate sheet if needed.				
Special Awards or Recognition you have received				
List three adults who know you well, whom we may contact as references:				
Name	Address		Phone	Relationship (teacher, coach, minister, employer, etc.)
List the accredited postsecondary institution(s) to which you have applied:			For what financial assistance have you applied, including other scholarships?	
Name of Institution		Status of Application		

Tell us more about yourself. On separate paper, describe the greatest challenge you've had, how you overcame it, and how the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship money would assist you in accomplishing your goals.

** YOU MAY CHOOSE A DIFFERENT FORMAT TO EXPRESS YOURSELF, SUCH AS AUDIO OR DVD, PAINTING, SCULPTURE, OR OTHER MEDIA. **

Where did you get this application?	Signature of Applicant	Date
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