

Velma K. Conyers Chapter #7
Order of the Eastern Star
Prince Hall Affiliated
550 McDonald Street
Crestview, FL 32536

The Velma K. Conyers Chapter #7, Order of the Eastern Star, will be offering scholarships to graduating seniors in Okaloosa County. Our Annual Scholarship, in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), will be presented in honor of the late Dr. J. R. L. Conyers.

Dr. Conyers thoughtful dedication toward humanity leaves an indelible stamp on our hearts and molds the very thought and will of our future generations.

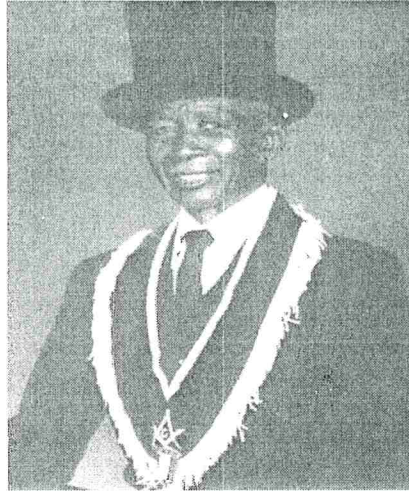
Our scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors, males or females with a **2.5** cumulative grade point average or above demonstrating strong unselfish community service as one of many all-around characteristics.

For scholarship consideration, complete the enclosed application packet and mail to the address above no later than April 26.

For further information and assistance, please contact:

Sis. Tonsiaweda Y. Hayes	(850) 621-4187
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Sis. Tonsiaweda Y. Hayes, Worthy Matron
Scholarship Committee Chairperson



Dr. James Robert Lee Conyers

James Robert Lee Conyers, son of the late A. G. Conyers and Mary Davis Conyers, was born February 17, 1904 in Crestview, Florida. Raised in a devout Christian home, he learned early in life his personal path of duty and followed with unselfish dedication.

He found his Savior at an early age and joined Mt. Zion AME Church in Crestview, Florida where he served for more than 70 years. Through his church, he extended his talents as Stewart, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Secretary of Sunday School, Church Secretary, and a faithful Choir Member. He was also a member of the Okaloosa Negro Pallbearers.

In 1925, he became a Master Mason and a member of the Crestview Lodge #364 which was later renamed J.R.L. Conyers Lodge #364. During his Masonic years, he accomplished the stations of Worshipful Master of J.R.L. Conyers Lodge #364, and High Priest of Maxwell Chapter #115 (RAM), and Worthy Patron of Crestview Chapter #7 Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of E.L. Seawright Court #90, Heroines of Jericho, District Deputy Grand Master of District 10 and 11, Grand Worthy Patron of Bethlehem Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and International Grand Patron of the Year in 1970. He was elevated to 32° in West Florida Consistory #252, created as a member of Islam Temple #182 as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and in 1985 exalted to 33° and final degree in Masonry Knights Templar.

Because of his many contributions to Prince Hall Affiliated Masonry and the community, he received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanity from Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida.

May 16, 1986. Dr. Conyers' death left a formidable legacy. J.R.L. Conyers Masonic Lodge #364 (a historical site) and Mt. Zion AME Church still remain a vital part of the Okaloosa community.

J.R.L. CONYERS
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

1. These scholarships are awarded based on community service, scholastic achievement, and personal character.
2. I agree to attend or have a representative attend the annual Velma K. Conyers Chapter #7, Order of the Eastern Star, "Heads Of House" Banquet (time and place will be provided).
3. For consideration, I must mail the entire scholarship packet NO LATER THAN APRIL 26.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

J. R. L. CONYERS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
Guidance Counselor Questionnaire

To be completed by the School Guidance Counselor:

Student's Name:

Last First Middle

School's Name: _____

School's Ph. # _____

Guidance Counselor's Name:

Last First Middle

1. Number in graduating class: _____

Class Rank: (%) _____

2. Grade Point Average: _____

3. Attendance Record (Give explanation for excessive absences):

4. Any Disciplinary Actions taken during high school years:

5. Additional Comments:

Guidance Counselor's Signature

