

**Brenda K. Johnson Gospel Choir Scholarship** – This scholarship was established in December of 2014 in honor of Brenda K. Johnson by current and former members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir. Mrs. Johnson, a graduate of Newton High School and East Central Community College, served as sponsor of the ECCC Gospel Choir from 1988 – 2022.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to an incoming or current member(s), musician(s) or officer(s) of the ECCC Gospel Choir. The award funds will be disbursed in two equal payments during the school year the student(s) serves, provided the student(s) meets the following scholarship criteria:

1. Be accepted or enrolled as a full-time academic or technical student;
2. Maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher for each semester;
3. Display musicianship and proficiency in their leadership, voice, and/or instrument;
4. Attend choir rehearsals weekly;
5. Conduct themselves in a professional manner;
6. Be active in choir activities and meetings on and off campus; and
7. Submit a typed essay, 250 or more words, expressing the need for campus ministry, the importance of gospel music, and what ways you could contribute to the ECCC Gospel Choir, college and community.

Scholarships will be awarded on a year-to-year basis dependent on the availability of funding. The recipient(s) will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who apply and who meet the criteria listed above.