



**2024 DR. JESSE MILAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BONNER
SPRINGS BRANCH NAACP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Name & Address of
Parent/Guardian _____

Basic Eligibility:

- The Bonner Springs Scholarship Program is for current/paid Bonner Springs NAACP Youth Council members, and/or whose parents or guardians are members of the Bonner Springs Adult Branch, and are claimed on the sponsoring member's tax return.
- All applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- All applicants must be current high school seniors enrolled in a post-secondary program (includes two and four-year colleges, as well as postsecondary career training programs) by the fall 2024 semester.

A Complete Application Shall Include:

- Written recommendation/character reference: Please submit three letters of recommendation from a supervisor, coworker, community leader, teacher or counselor.
- Transcript: The transcript must show a CGPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Essay – One page in length – Describe your proposed field of study, reasons for its selection, future plans and goals for your career, and any other information which might be helpful to the awarding committee.
- List of participation in NAACP community service

Selection for the Bonner Springs NAACP Dr. Jesse Milan Scholarship will place emphasis that the student has been a leader in:

*See attached bio of Dr. Jesse Milan Educator and Civil Rights Leader in Kansas.

- Civil Rights
- Education
- Community Service for African Americans

Honors and Awards _____

*******AWARD \$500.00*******

All applicants must submit a complete application package no later than February 23, 2024

The completed application should be emailed to horvathl@sunflower.com

Linda Horvath – Bonner Springs NAACP Education Chair – (785) 843-3971

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Evidence of full-time enrollment: If selected, verification of enrollment must be furnished.

Rev. Dr. Jesse Milan

Lifetime NAACP Member

Bonner Springs Branch NAACP

Educator and Civil Rights Leader in Kansas

(March 3, 1928 – February 8, 2021)



1954 First African-American teacher employed by the Lawrence, Kansas Board of Education, following the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education public school desegregation decision.

In the 1960's led the creation of the first integrated public swimming pool in Kansas.

1969 Founded Mungano, the first interracial student organization dedicated to fostering a community of diversity on campus.

1970 Joined Baker University's faculty as its first African-American member.

1971 Became regional director of compliance for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Protection for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for region 7.

1973 Jesse and Alversa Milan received jointly the Martin Luther King Award from the Lawrence Branch of Concerned Black Parents.

1997 The Jesse Milan Pre-School at Pinkney Elementary School in Lawrence, KS was named and dedicated in his honor.

2000 The Milan-Harris Award for Diversity at Baker University was created in his honor.

2000 -2004 State president of the Kansas Branches of NAACP

2001 Baker University awarded him an honorary doctor of education degree.

2001 Benjamin Hooks President of the Year Award from the Midwest Region IV State Conference of NAACP chapters for his civil rights work in Kansas.

2002 Received appointment by President George W. Bush to the commission commemorating the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka in 2004.

2003 the HUD Secretary's Pioneer Award

2014 Hero Award from the 71st Annual NAACP Kansas State Conference