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## Mother Mary Ann Norris Scholarship

Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, affectionately known as Mother Norris, was an avid educator. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education from Morgan State University and she furthered her academic education at Columbia University, New York, NY. Mother Norris was employed with the Board of Education of New York City as a Public School teacher in the Bronx and Brooklyn. She also became the Dean of Students at Intermediate School #33 (Mark Hopkins Junior High School). She retired from the Board of Education in 1986, however, she continued her life's journey as a First Lady and later an Episcopal Supervisor. Mother Mary married Bishop Richard Franklin Norris on December 21, 1968, and through their union, they bore two sons. The Rev. Richard Franklin Norris, II and Rev. Marcellus Alexander Norris. She served as the Episcopal Supervisor of the 14th, 1st, and 7th Episcopal Districts. Mother Norris was known for her love of God, sense of humor, and love for her family.

Pastor, Mrs. Slaughter, and the First Family are pleased to announce their sponsorship of the Mother Mary Ann Norris Scholarship that is available to rising college freshmen in the fall and upperclassmen in the spring. You must complete the appropriate application and furnish a letter of recommendation from an employer, teacher, principal, college professor, ministry leader, Youth Pastor, or coach to the church's main office on or before the deadline to be considered. Along with the application and letter of recommendation, you must complete an essay that is two – three pages in length, must be double-spaced, and answers the following question:

Morals and Values help shape your character as an individual and lead you on the right path in life. A moral is defined as a person's standard of behavior or beliefs concerning what is and what is not acceptable for them to do. A value is a person's principles or standards of behavior and one's judgement of what is important in life.

For rising college/university freshmen: What are two important values that you possess that will help you as you matriculate in your first year of college?

For college/university upperclassmen: What are four important values that you possess/or developed that have helped you as you matriculate through college?