

Minister Dirk Chaney

Dirk B. Chaney was born to the late Rev. David Chaney and Mrs. Armelia Chaney. Dirk grew up in the Wichita public school system and graduated from Wichita Heights High School. He was a self-taught musician who played the clarinet and mastered the piano. After graduation, he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. He joined the Atlanta Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America and God opened the door for him to begin directing for the chapter during a time in which there was a lack of leadership. He then was asked to be one of the directors for the Georgia Mass Choir, and became an officer in the Gospel Music Workshop of America.

In 1989, during one of Dirk’s Christmas breaks from school, he began sharing musical insights with his home church of the things he’d learned about the gospel industry and excellence in ministry. The Pastor decided that other churches could benefit from this information and encouraged Dirk to teach a city-wide workshop. The workshop received such positive feedback that it became an annual event… always during the Christmas holidays.

Dirk and his group, The Chosen Aggregation found favor in the gospel music industry opening and/or performing with many renowned artists and choirs all over the world. Dirk was also background vocals for recording artist Lucretia Cambell, James Hall, O’landa Draper, The Shirley Caesar Conference, and the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship Convention to name a few. Dirk was also the recipient of the Atlanta Gospel Choice Awards.

Dirk Chaney & The Chosen Aggregation recorded their 1st live project entitled. “God Is Great” which was released April 23, 1999 and the 2nd live project entitled “Another Days Journey” was recorded November 24, 2001. The majority of the material on the 2nd project was written and composed by Minister Chaney. He was certainly a trailblazer, trendsetter, and inspiration to many.

Since Dirk’s death in 2002, his home church and family decided to continue his legacy of musical excellence and renamed the annual “Christmas workshop” the “Dirk Chaney Memorial Workshop”. The workshop is entering its 31th year.

To honor Dirk’s legacy, the Dirk Chaney Memorial Workshop (DCMW) will be awarding a $500 scholarship for the 2020/2021 school year to an African American graduating high school senior or college student returning to college.

Scholarship Requirements:

* Must be an African American high school senior graduating in December, 2020 or May, 2021 in Wichita or surrounding areas
  + If there are no qualifying high school students, this scholarship can be awarded to a student returning to college. ALL remaining requirements shall apply to all students.
* 3.0 or better Grade Point Average (GPA)
* (1) Reference letter (Principle, Teacher, Instructor, Counselor, etc)
* (1) Community Reference letter (Pastor, Church Ministry Leader, Community Event Leader, etc)
* Official School Transcript
* A two-page essay, double spaced, one inch margin, and font Time New Roman 14 point type.
* **Essay Topic: The Positive and Negative Effects of Music on our Youth**
* Acceptance Letter to College (required to receive scholarship)
* Enrollment and college schedule verification. (required to receive scholarship)

**Note:** The scholarship recipient will be recognized at the Annual Dirk Chaney Memorial Workshop concert. This year due to the Pandemic, scholarship recipient(s) will be notified via telephone.

However scholarship award will not be given until student has graduated and college acceptance letter has been submitted to DCMWC.

**SECTION I**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated/Current Major:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated/Current College:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II**

To be completed by School Counselor

Name of Student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor’s Name (Print):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section III**

**Extra-Curricular School Activities**

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| **Freshman** | **Sophomore** | **Junior** | **Senior** |
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**SECTION IV**

**Extra-Curricular Community Activities**

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| **Freshman** | **Sophomore** | **Junior** | **Senior** |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3.**  **4.** | **1.**  **2.**  **3.**  **4.** | **1.**  **2.**  **3.**  **4.** | **1.**  **2.**  **3.**  **4.** |

**SECTION V**

**Special Awards/Recognitions**

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| **Freshman** | **Sophomore** | **Junior** | **Senior** |
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If additional space is needed for Sections III, IV, and V, please attach additional sheet(s) using the same format.

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Signature of Applicant

CHECKLIST:

* Completed Application Form
* School Reference Letter
* Community Reference Letter
* Official Transcript
* Essay
* Deadline is December 15, 2020(Received)

Please mail all required information above to:

St. Andrew’s Missionary Baptist Church

Attention: DCMW Scholarship

3901 E. 25th Street N

Wichita, KS 67220

**\*\*\*\*INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND/OR REQUIRED INFO WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED\*\*\***

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Pamela Roberts at 316-210-9587.