



SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

E.J. JOSEY SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES

I. Intent of Scholarship

The E.J. Josey Scholarship honors the lifelong work that Dr. E.J. Josey, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Library and Information, has undertaken on behalf of African Americans in librarianship, especially in his fight to eradicate racial discrimination from library facilities and provide equal opportunities for African American librarians. As founder of the Black Caucus of the American Librarian Association (ALA), it was Professor Josey's determination to eliminate discrimination and bigotry in the field of librarianship as well as in state and national professional associations.

Professor Josey has not only been an activist librarian on behalf of librarians who are minorities, he has also devoted his efforts on behalf of librarians of all races. As the co-sponsor of the resolution for the establishment of the Committee on the Status of Women in ALA, he has been one of the male library leaders who worked on behalf of women in the profession. Not only is Professor Josey's advocacy role reflected in his activism, it is highlighted in his writing and research published in many books and journal articles.

The E.J. Josey Scholarship is awarded annually, usually to a student beginning study in the Fall Term, and the amount of the award is based on the endowment income.

II. Guidelines for Selection

The Financial Aid Committee and Dr. E. Josey review the applications for the E.J. Josey Scholarship and make its recommendations to the Chair of the Department. The scholarship for a given year is not granted if the Financial Aid Committee determines that there is no eligible candidate.

Qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident;
- Be accepted into the MLIS program;
- Be an African American/Black
- Demonstrate high academic achievement; and
- Demonstrate the potential for academic excellence and leadership in the profession.

Applications for the E.J. Josey Scholarship should include:

- Completed Departmental Financial Aid application form;
- The E.J. Josey Scholarship form;
- A current resume citing education, work experience, publications, etc., and
- An essay that addresses career goals.

Additional information may be obtained from and forms should be sent to:

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