

Kenneth M. Taylor Memorial Scholarship

The University of the District of Columbia Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of the *Kenneth M. Taylor Memorial Scholarship* commencing the fall 2018-2019 academic year. The *Kenneth M. Taylor Memorial Scholarship* was established by Mr. Taylor's parents, Dr. Alfred and Mrs. Delores Taylor, Jr. Dr. Alfred O. Taylor worked at the University of the District of Columbia for 31 years as a professor, chairperson, assistant dean and retired as acting dean of the College of Professional Studies, now the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He received the Ronald H. Brown Distinguished Leadership Award from the university at the 37th Founder's Day Convocation. Dr. Taylor is the author of Bridge Builders of Nauck/Green Valley: Past and Present with booksellers' ratings between four-five stars. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor wish to memorialize their son, Kenneth Maurice Taylor, through a scholarship to honor his memory. Kenneth's passion for music started at an early age, and he mastered the trumpet, coronet, French horn, flugelhorn and trombone, while playing with the high school band. The talented young Taylor, under the tutelage of the well-known singer, Ms. Roberta Flack, played piano and organ. He continued to hone his skills with a focus in gospel music. He served in the music ministry at Macedonia Baptist Church for over 35 years and played for several Metropolitan Washington churches. Mr. Taylor was considered a mover and shaker in the gospel music industry and dedicated his life to advancing the gospel music genre, which included nurturing gospel singers and helping new artists grow their careers. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor intend to continue their son's love of music and affection for helping others through this scholarship. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to students pursuing a two or four-year college degree in music with a concentration in Gospel Music.

Scholarship Award: The *Kenneth M. Taylor Memorial Scholarship* shall be awarded to an undergraduate student pursuing a two or four-year degree in *Music with a Concentration in Gospel Music*. The recipient of the scholarship will receive \$1,000 for the academic year. The scholarship can be renewed annually, up to four years, provided the recipient maintains eligibility. The awardee will be known as a "Taylor Scholar."

Eligibility: Applicants shall be at least a second-semester freshman or higher class with a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average and be eligible to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applicants must enroll full-time in a two or four-year undergraduate degree program and maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average to continue eligibility. Applicants must consent to provide academic progress reports each semester. The *Kenneth M. Taylor Memorial Scholarship* must be renewed annually.

A committee from the College of Arts and Sciences will make the final selection of the recipient.

Deadline for Applications: For further information: contact Mrs. Judith Korey, Music Program Coordinator, University of the District of Columbia on 202-274-5308 or email: jkorey@udc.edu.