

## **Dorothy C. Lanier Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa Ohio Region**

This scholarship is established in honor of Dr. Dorothy C. Lanier, aunt of Willie Lanier of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Lanier is a 1986 Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee and former linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs. This scholarship has been created by Willie Lanier to honor the inspiration, dedication, and love provided by Dorothy Lanier to not only him but to students pursuing their educational and personal dreams.

A native of Arkansas, Dr. Dorothy C. Lanier received her education at Shorter College in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She studied at Wilberforce University (Xenia, Ohio) and received her B.S.E. degree from Henderson State Teachers University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and her M. S. degree and Ed.D. in English from East Texas State University. In the summer of 1971, she studied at Columbia University on a visiting faculty grant. Twenty-eight years of her professional life were spent at Jarvis Christian College, where she advanced from secretary in various departments to professor of English and chair of the Division of Humanities and Social Science, a position she held until her retirement in 1987.

Willie Lanier, born in Clover, Virginia, played 11 years in the National Football League. His career includes a Super Bowl win, but despite his athletic success his first priority was his education. While playing professional football he attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He had earned his real estate broker's license and was licensed to sell securities by the time he was 25. As an employee of Phillip Morris Company, he was the first African American to enter the Executive Program of the Darden School at the University of Virginia. He is the former chairman and CEO of Syncreon US, a diversified automotive logistics company. Mr. Lanier has provided more than \$525,000 in scholarships to students in Richmond Public Schools, which he attended.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- A student must be an actively involved member in a chapter within the Ohio Region and currently enrolled in a community college at the time of the application (Verified by chapter advisor).
- Recipient is only eligible to receive this scholarship one time.
- Part-time, full-time, and international students are eligible to apply.
- The winner will be announced at the Ohio Region Convention Awards Presentation, where the funds will be awarded.
- A recipient must commit to attending the Ohio Region Convention of the year he or she is to be considered for the Lanier Scholarship.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Applicants for this scholarship must follow these steps:

1. Write a 1,000-word (maximum) essay in response to the quote by Martin Luther King, Jr., which reflects Willie Lanier's personal philosophy of success: *The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.* Taking into consideration contemporary challenges and controversies, please write about a challenge or controversy for which you are or hope to be as a leader, and what you have already learned about leadership as a Phi Theta Kappan that will make you a more effective leader.
2. Essay must be double-spaced, typed, and the original work of the author.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Deadline for applications is two weeks before Ohio Region-Convention.