

**MAXINE AMOS TRIENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**NC Synodical Women's Organization Women of the ELCA**

The Maxine Amos Triennial Scholarship is given in memory of Maxine Locklear Amos who passed away on July 13, 2025, at age 89. Maxine was an educator, woman of God, elder of the Lumbee tribe, and mentor to many North Carolina Women of the ELCA. A third-generation career educator, Maxine was among the first American Indian women to attend Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina in the mid-1950s. She earned a Bachelor's Degree and later a Master's Degree from East Carolina University.

Maxine was a basketball standout at Pembroke High School before attending Coker, and played some intramural ball while there. She was a new teacher when she went to Morganton High School in 1956 and began coaching the women's basketball team.

In 1965, at the height of the Civil Rights movement, Maxine recruited four African American players to the predominantly white team, coaching her girls to the North Carolina Western State Women's Basketball Championship. She often said, "I looked at each one of those young women as a child of God. I knew what it felt like to be excluded and I was not going to let that happen to these young women."

Maxine worked in education for 38 years. She was a faithful member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Lumberton where she was viewed as a matriarch and a valued leader.

Always near and dear to Maxine's heart was the Lutheran Church and the Women of the ELCA. "The church, especially the women's group, gave me a home, and an extended family, a place where my voice was heard and mattered." Maxine was a fixture at NC WELCA events and would always say "God loves you and so do I."

Maxine attended every Triennial Gathering and wanted other women to attend and enjoy worship services and activities available at each event. The recipients of this scholarship are expected to attend worship services and activities during the Gathering and to write an article for the *Bulletin* newsletter about their experience. This scholarship is to be given to a woman of color or whose language is other than English, and to a woman who would not be able to attend a Triennial Gathering due to finances.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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ETHNIC/RACIAL HERITAGE:

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIVE AMERICAN

\_\_\_\_\_ AFRICAN AMERICAN

\_\_\_\_\_ ASIAN

\_\_\_\_\_ HISPANIC

\_\_\_\_\_ CAUCASIAN

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

WOMEN OF THE ELCA PARTICIPATION:

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Reason for applying for the Maxine Amos Triennial Scholarship:

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How did you learn of this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_