

Ferris State University  
**Robert F. Williams**  
**(1932 – 1980)**

Robert F. Williams taught English and Black Literature at Ferris State University for a decade.

Since coming to Ferris in 1970, Williams had been active outside the classroom, counseling students and helping organize and advise a variety of student activities.

Among his major loves was music. A former minister, Williams organized and led the Black gospel group. The Voices of Freedom Chorus, which for several years gave concerts both on and off campus.

His long-standing concern for students was perhaps best indicated by the 1974 Ferris Homecoming book dedicated to him, which said, “He counsels, and counsels, and counsels.”

**APPLICATION CRITERIA:**

1. Black student in good standing – Male or female.
2. Sophomore status – must have received credit for 45 hours or more at Ferris State University.
3. 3.00 minimum grade point – on 4.00 point scale.
4. Be involved in extra curricular activities.
5. **Submit a 500 word essay as to why he or she should receive the scholarship.**
6. Questions regarding the application procedure may be directed to the Office of Multicultural Student Services, FLITE Suite 159, Big Rapids, MI 49307. To contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services please call (231) 591-2617/fax (231) 591-3585.

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Robert F. Williams  
Scholarship of Merit  
Scholarship**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (Middle) (First)

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AWARD INFORMATION**

**\*Application deadline: by March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**\*Application Award deadline: by June 1<sup>st</sup>**