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Zion Baptist Church Scholarship Information and Guidelines

Objectives

Zion Baptist Church (ZBC) has an ongoing commitment to the education process, and a desire to recognize the accomplishments of high school graduates who attempt to further their education. This Zion Baptist Church scholarship is given to encourage young high school graduates to pursue the goal of achieving excellence through higher education. We hope that those identified through this scholarship will exemplify not only excellence in academics, but also spiritual leadership in the community as well.

Funds for the scholarships are provided by Zion Baptist Church and are used solely for the graduating seniors of the church to support the youth of ZBC graduating from high school.

Award Value

The amount of the scholarship is based on the availability of funds and the number of applicants applying for scholarships. The number of awards will be determined after all applications are received. All scholarship funds are sent directly to the students for tuition, textbooks, and other fees.

Every applicant that meets the established criteria will receive a scholarship. In addition to fund availability and the number of candidates, the amount will be determined based on the eligibility criteria listed below.

Eligibility

Candidates must meet all the following criteria:

- ◆ You or a family member **MUST** be a member of Zion Baptist Church for at least one (1) year (12 months) prior to the start of the “Graduate Program” sessions. (September 2023)
- ◆ Attend a minimum of 7 out of 10 “Graduate Program” sessions hosted by the Scholarship Committee. Sessions will take place on **Wednesday nights, from September 06 - November 15, 2023.**
- ◆ Be accepted by an accredited school providing education or training certification above the secondary level or military acceptance. (Documentation required)
- ◆ Be a high school graduate within the last 12 months of application.
- ◆ Maintain a grade point average (GPA) at 2.0 or above.
- ◆ Applications must be received on or before **November 15, 2023, before 11:59 p.m. (No late application will be accepted.)**
- ◆ Applicants must submit the following items:
 1. Zion Baptist Church Scholarship application (see enclosed application)
 2. Recommendation form from a high school counselor (see enclosed form)
 3. Letter of recommendation from a community or church leader
 4. An official high school transcript
 5. Personal essay (choose one of the topics and follow all instructions)
 6. Submit the acceptance letter prior to May 26, 2024.

NOTE: The counselor’s recommendation form and the letter from the community or church leader should be emailed to **scholarshipcommittee@zbcmarietta.org**.

Procedure

Candidates must submit the following:

- Zion Baptist Church Scholarship Application: **Typed, not handwritten.**
- High School Counselor's Recommendation Form
- An official high school transcript sent from the High School Counselor
- Recommendation letter from a community member or church leader: **Typed, not handwritten.**
- An original Personal Essay: **Typed, not handwritten** 12 pt. font Times New Roman

All application materials must be typed, completed in their entirety, and submitted on or before **November 15, 2023 at 11:59 pm** to the Zion Baptist Church Scholarship Committee at scholarshipcommittee@zbcmarietta.org.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DEADLINE.

**High School Counselor
Recommendation Form**

Please complete this form and attach the student's transcript. Consideration will not be made until a current transcript is received. **Deadline: November 15, 2023, before 11:59 p.m.**

Please email this recommendation form and the student's transcript to:
scholarshipcommittee@zbcmarietta.org

Student's Name: _____ Student's GPA: _____

Based on my knowledge of this scholarship and this student, I,

_____ NAME _____ TITLE

(Circle one)

Highly Recommend

Recommend

Do Not Recommend

**If you do not recommend this student, please explain why.

Please rate the student's potential for being successful in the pursuit of post-secondary education.
(Use the scale below).

POOR

BELOW AVERAGE

AVERAGE

ABOVE AVERAGE

EXCELLENT

Please comment on your rating.

Academic Achievement

How would you rate this student's academic achievement?

POOR

BELOW AVERAGE

AVERAGE

ABOVE AVERAGE

EXCELLENT

Academic Transcript

An official transcript has been emailed:

Yes

NO Please Explain

Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

High School: _____ Telephone #: _____

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Part 2

Directions for Personal Essay

1. Choose one (1) of the following topics below:

What do you think the church's role is in today's society and how can we as Christians help better the society we live in?

What are your views on social injustices and systemic racism that we are experiencing in our country?

How do you plan to impact society positively with your college degree?

What social or economic issues matter most to you and why?

Research may be used or referred to, but the essay must be an original document constructed by the student.

If any sources are used, all sources must be cited, using APA or MLA format.

Type a 300 or more-word essay; 12-point font, Times New Roman

COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY MUST BE SUBMITTED BY **November 15, 2023, before 11:59 p.m.**

UPLOAD OR EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY TO:

scholarshipcommittee@zbcmarietta.org

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED

Application

Personal Essay

Community or Church Leader Recommendation Letter

Official Transcript (MUST BE SUBMITTED BY COUNSELOR)

Counselor Recommendation Form (MUST BE SUBMITTED BY COUNSELOR)

Must attend 7 out of 10 Wednesday night "Graduate Program" sessions.

Documentation (acceptance letter) is due no later than May 26, 2024.