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To be considered for nomination, the applicant must:

Be an active member of Zion Baptist Church

Be a June candidate for a high school diploma or currently attending college

Have a 2.75 grade point average or above

Demonstrate Christ like qualities in church ministries, school and the community through school programs and/or community service above and beyond what is required

❖ *(Additional Qualifications for Graduate Students)*

1. Proof of Enrollment
2. Copy of Conferred Undergraduate Degree
3. Minimum of 3.0 GPA

Rules

1. Only original application is accepted.
2. Original application must be returned to the Zion Baptist Church office or hand-delivered to a member of the Scholarship Committee by May 1, 2023.
3. Application must be complete and all required items attached- *essay, updated transcript, SAT or ACT official score and **letter of reference.
4. If already received, the letter of acceptance from the college or university is to be included.
5. Failure to provide original application and all required information will result in disqualification.
6. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of a scholarship.

ZBC Selection Process

Recipients are selected by Zion Baptist Church Scholarship Committee members- Preston Prentice, Chairperson, Wesley Farmer, and Dr. Mary R. Nicholsonne.

***Essay**

(Note: Essay is only required for first time applicants)

Please write a **350-500 word** essay addressing **one** of these topics.

1. How Do I Hold On To My Faith in a Society Where Many Are Opposed to Jesus Christ?
2. How Is Zion Fulfilling Its Mission in the Church and the Community? What Role Must I Play in Helping Achieve This Mission?

(Note: Letter is only required for first time applicants)

****Letter of Reference** – A Zion disciple who is not a relative, a community person or an educator must write a letter of reference that includes at least one paragraph that addresses the applicant’s attitude toward learning, the applicant’s work ethic, motivation, and achievements.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

SS# (Last 4 numbers) _____

Address _____

City/County _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone # _____ Male _____ Female _____

Email Address _____

Parents’ Names _____

Parent Email _____

Of Siblings at Home _____ Ages of Siblings _____

Household Income for Previous Year (attach 1040 for full consideration) \$ _____

How long have you been a member of Zion? _____

In what ministries are you involved? _____
(List all ministries & if you hold any type of position)

Grade Point Average (minimum 2.75) _____ SAT or ACT Score _____

College/University to Which Accepted or Attending _____

Address of College/University _____

Annual Tuition \$ _____ Room & Board \$ _____

Total of Grants Received to-date \$ _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature (required) _____ Date _____

***Essay** – A 350 (minimum) to 500 (maximum) words, typed essay on one of the following topics: (Note: Essay is only required for first time applicants)

- How Do I Hold On To My Faith in a Society Where Many Are Opposed to Jesus Christ?
- How Is Zion Fulfilling Its Mission in the Church and the Community and What Role Must I Play in Helping Achieve This Mission?

****Letter of Reference from a Member of Zion Baptist Church, Member of the Community or an Educator** (Note: Letter of Reference is only required for first time applicants)

The letter of reference must include at least one paragraph that addresses the applicant's attitude toward learning and at least one paragraph that addresses the **applicant's work ethic, motivation, and achievements.**

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Application Packet Checklist

Please be reminded that all requested information must be completed and submitted in one packet. Due to the volume of applications received, incomplete packets will not be accepted. The **fully completed, typed or legibly printed original application accompanied by all the materials in the checklist below must be submitted to avoid disqualification.**

- ___ Current Official Transcript (*All applicants*)
- ___ 1040 Tax Return(s) (*Optional-for full consideration; All applicants*)
- ___ Official SAT/ACT Score (*First time applicants only*)
- ___ 350 - 500 Word Typed Essay (*First time applicants only*)
- ___ Sealed Letter of Reference (*First time applicants only*)
- ___ Letter of College Acceptance, if received (*First time applicants only*)

❖ Graduate Students (*Additional Requirements for Grad School Applicants*)

- ___ Proof of Enrollment
- ___ Copy of Conferred Undergraduate Degree
- ___ Minimum of 3.0 GPA

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**The Rev. & Mrs. Matthew W. Wilkerson
Scholarship Fund** provides financial assistance
to eligible Zion Baptist Church disciples who aspire
to attend an institution of higher learning.