

**BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES
FOR
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**BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2607 South Avenue
Wappingers Falls, New York 12590**

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1. Scholarship Award Criteria

a. Application. To be eligible for a scholarship award, a graduating high school senior must complete and submit a “Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Application” Form (Attachment A).

- Students applying for funds may download the “Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Application” Form (in Word format) or may pick up a copy of the Application from the church business office.
- Completed forms may be mailed or emailed back to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Instructions are on the Application.
- Applications for scholarships must be completed and all required materials must be submitted by March 31 for the upcoming school year.

b. Eligibility Requirements. To receive a scholarship award, an applicant must be a graduating high school senior or equivalent *who has been an active member and participant in one or more of the following Bethel Missionary Baptist Church activities:

- Sunday School
- Youth Choir
- Youth Usher Ministry
- Liturgical Dance Team
- WIRED Media Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Drama Ministry
- Teen Center
- Youth Retreat
- Other Ministries
- Community organizations

c. Specific Requirements. The Scholarship Committee of Bethel Missionary is a standing committee of BMBC Board of Deacons and, as such, is responsible for coordinating all activities concerned with scholarship awards. Some of the specific requirements follow:

1. If you have not been active/regular attendance to church or have relocated from the church for six months or greater - not eligible to receive a church scholarship award
2. Scholarship payments for successful applicants will be paid directly to the applicant in their first semester of matriculation.
3. Scholarships are limited to the amount awarded at the luncheon.

* or equivalent (ex. GED)

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d. Awards.

Eligible graduating high school seniors who have been accepted for matriculation in a degree, diploma, certificate program or equivalent at an accredited institution of higher education or training will receive a monetary scholarship award.

Eligible graduating high school seniors who are not pursuing a degree, diploma, or certificate from an accredited institution of higher education or training will receive a gift of Christian literature.

2. Scholarship Recognition

All graduating high school seniors who are approved to receive Bethel Missionary Baptist Church scholarship awards and memorial awards will be recognized at the annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon.

3. Scholarship Fund Raising Methods

- a. Special Church Offering. A special church offering for the Scholarship Program will be taken on the second Sunday of each month. These funds will be used only for monetary scholarship awards and gifts of Christian Literature to graduating high school seniors.

- b. Scholarship Committee Fund Raising Projects. The Scholarship Committee will plan and conduct fund raising projects and activities to raise additional funds for scholarship awards and recognition luncheon.

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4. Scholarship Fund Accounting and Award Disbursement Procedures

a. Fund Accounting.

The Board of Trustees and the Church Financial Officers will safeguard and perform financial accounting of funds raised by the Scholarship Committee to support the Scholarship Program.

b. Monetary Award Determination.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship committee will recommend monetary scholarship award amounts for each applicant with final award amounts subject to approval by the Board of Deacons and Pastor.

c. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Award Disbursement

A monetary scholarship award will be disbursed to an approved recipient upon receipt of an official copy of the recipient's registration letter of enrollment and acceptance from the educational institution the recipient plans to attend.

d. Funds will be distributed directly to the student at the beginning of the first semester of matriculation.

5. Memorial Awards

a. Definition

Memorial awards are those supported by funds provided by families or individuals usually as a memorial to a deceased family member.

b. Award Criteria.

Usually, the family or individual providing the funds for a memorial scholarship selects the recipient and disburses the scholarship award directly to the selected recipient.

The family or individual providing the funds for a memorial award may decide that the Church will select the recipient in accordance with criteria specified by that family or individual. To qualify for these awards, eligible high school graduates must complete and submit a Bethel Missionary Baptist Church scholarship application. The memorial award recipient will be jointly determined by the Board of Deacons, and the Pastor.

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Please return your completed form to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 2607 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, NO LATER THAN MARCH 31