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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS - 2018

This policy goes into effect with the high school graduating class of May/June 2018.

The mission of the scholarship program is to promote educational excellence for youth by providing academic enrichment, scholarships and other educational support; to help parents serve as educational advocates and as effective partners in their children's postsecondary education and careers; to inform and equip our community to better educate its children.

BACKGROUND

The Scholarship Fund was formally organized in 1968 under the direction of the late Reverend Dr. Charles E. Thomas. The purpose was to provide financial assistance to high school seniors who wished to matriculate to postsecondary education programs. Since its inception, many students have been awarded scholarships by The New Hope Baptist Church. Initially, scholarships were awarded to members of The New Hope Baptist Church only, but now are offered to individuals of the larger community.

ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM

The scholarship program is administered by The New Hope Baptist Church Scholarship Committee, located at 106 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for an award, candidates must:

- **Graduate from high school in May/June of the year the scholarship is awarded.**
- **Have an overall, minimum **CUMULATIVE GPA of 2.75, i. e., computation of grades from 9th grade to present.****
- **Enter an accredited postsecondary program by the fall semester of the year of high school graduation.**
- **Request a scholarship application. Applicants must email their requests to minnickseam@gmail.com. Include your name, cell number, email address and name of high school.**

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All instructions and deadlines are mandatory and included in the application as follows:

- 1. Type the application, and print on a printer before submitting it. The Scholarship Team does not accept hand-written applications.**
- 2. Perform 10 or more hours of community service at The New Hope Baptist Church and/or some of its entities and partnerships. Service is defined as, “making yourself available to help someone else in need”, and can include the food ministry, New Vista Rehabilitation Facility, etc. Attach a letter(s) from the organization to verify your service. It must be written on their letterhead, if appropriate.**
- 3. Write a 400 – 500 word personal statement. Tell WHY you should be considered for a scholarship and HOW you will use your education to help others.**
- 4. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation. These letters can come from individuals, school, community or religious organizations. DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIVES.**
- 5. Submit a copy of all postsecondary acceptance letters.**
- 6. Request your school to submit an official copy of your current high school transcript. It must show your school’s seal and official signature. Mail to: Scholarship Team, The New Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103. The transcript must also be submitted by April 22, 2018.**
- 7. Complete all sections of the application. Submit it with the two letters of recommendation, all postsecondary acceptance letters, and personal statement. Send everything to the Scholarship Team, The New Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103. All documents must arrive at the church by APRIL 22, 2018. Handwritten, incomplete or late information WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- 8. Attend an in-person interview, along with your parents/guardians.**
- 9. Participate in the Baccalaureate program at The New Hope Baptist Church on June 24, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. service.**
- 10. The Scholarship Team will review all applications. The number and/or amount of scholarship awards will depend on the availability of funds. If selected for an award, recipients will be notified by the Scholarship Team. The decision of the Team is final.**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2018

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide all information requested. Submit the application and all attachments to the Scholarship Team, The New Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, by April 22, 2018. If you need more space to answer questions, use extra paper. **The application must be typed and printed. Handwritten applications are NOT accepted.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Email _____ **Phone (C)** _____

Phone (H) _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Guidance Counselor's Name _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

CUM. GPA _____ **(2.75 or higher, Cumulative grades from grade 9 – present)**

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List the organizations, community service and other activities that you participated in during high school. Include the dates of participation and any leadership positions that you held. Only list the organizations/activities that were most meaningful to you and tell why.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INFORMATION

How many schools did you apply to _____? List your top three choices below.

- First choice _____
- Second choice _____
- Third choice _____

Which schools have you received acceptance letters from?

What is your area(s) of academic interest? If you have more than one area, please select your first choice and explain why.

Based on your major, what employment opportunities do you expect to be available when you graduate in four to five years?

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name _____ Relationship _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (C) _____ Email _____

Phone (H) _____

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____