



Scholarship Checklist for the 2019 – 2020 Academic Year

For Applicant Use Only

(DO NOT RETURN WITH THE APPLICATION PACKET)

- _____ I have enclosed a completed type-written application. I have answered all questions on the application.
- _____ I have attached a completed essay as part of the scholarship application process.
- _____ I have confirmed my commitment to attend a College or University during the 2019–2020 academic year by attaching a copy of my class schedule to the college or university I plan to attend.
- _____ I have enclosed a **sealed** official transcript obtained from the school registrar in the application packet.
- _____ I have enclosed (3) letters of recommendations from a high school teacher, professor, counselor or community service leader in the application packet.
- _____ I have emailed my photo to zlherts@smark.org.
- _____ All information in the application is typed.
(EXCEPT Ministry Involvement form with signatures for high school seniors)
- _____ I have submitted ALL attachments (i.e. transcripts, letter of recommendations) with the application form to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.
- _____ I understand that an incomplete application packet will not be considered for a scholarship award.
- _____ The application packet has been completed and mailed or delivered to Saint Mark Baptist Church by 5:00 pm on April 4, 2019.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

Saint Mark Baptist Church will provide, to qualified applicants, a Scholarship award for graduating high school seniors and/or students currently enrolled in either a two-year or four-year accredited college working toward their first degree or certificate program. They may continue to apply as long as they are working on their first undergraduate degree or certificate program.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a member of Saint Mark Baptist Church, who has Completed New Member classes and received the Right Hand of Fellowship.
- Currently involved in ministry or community involvement (ministry involvement will be verified by Division Servants and/or Ministry/Community Directors).

You are not eligible for this Scholarship if you are currently on Academic Suspension or pursuing a second degree.

REQUIREMENTS

- A completed type-written scholarship application.
- An official high school transcript (for graduating seniors) or College transcript (for continuing students)

MUST BE IN SEALED ENVELOPE FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

- Acceptance letter from college (**copy only**) (**HS Seniors ONLY**)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Verification of current ministry involvement (**HS Seniors ONLY**)

Please return completed application to:

Saint Mark Scholarship Committee
Saint Mark Baptist Church
5722 West 12th Street
Little Rock, AR 72204

Applications must be received at Saint Mark Baptist Church by **April 4, 2019, no later than 5:00 p.m.** Late or incomplete applications will not be submitted to the Committee. Faxed or e-mailed documents will NOT be accepted. **Applications and recommendation letters must be type-written.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below is a list of questions that you may have regarding this scholarship application process. If you have any specific questions, please contact the Student Pastor at 501-663-3955, ext. 241 Thanks for applying for the Saint Mark Scholarship!

Q: What if I attend only one semester after receiving the scholarship?

A: If you are the recipient of a scholarship, all proceeds are sent to you in your name and the schools name each semester. If you do not enroll the second semester, the proceeds are forfeited.

Q: What if I am attending a two-year technical college? Do I still qualify for the scholarship?

A: Yes. This scholarship is for those attending accredited 2-year or 4-year institutions.

Q: Can I apply for the scholarship if I plan to only attend part-time (6 hours or less)?

A: No. This scholarship is based upon students enrolled full-time (12 hours or more) that are pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

Q: What if I want to go back to school to get another degree? Can I apply?

A: No. This scholarship is only for students that are pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

Q: How is the scholarship process reviewed and awarded?

A: The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations based on a review of all materials submitted. The review process is blind, and is based on achievement, personal essay, recommendations, ministry involvement, community recommendation, and financial need.

Q: Is there special software to fill out this form?

A: Yes. The best software to use to complete this form is Adobe Acrobat Reader. It is a free program that can be downloaded at the following link. Once you complete your application print it out and submit it to the church.



PERSONAL DATA

(This information is for the records of Saint Mark Baptist Church ONLY.)

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Age _____

Address _____
(Only if Scholarship information should be mailed to different address than listed above)

Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Are you a member of Saint Mark Baptist Church? _____

Please indicate whether you are a graduating senior or continuing student.
(There are **NO** scholarships available for graduate students)

___ Graduating Senior

High School _____

Address _____

___ Continuing Student (first degree)

College/University _____

Address _____

ACADEMIC WORK

Attach your transcript from your high school or college to your application.
(Only sealed envelope from your school will be accepted.)

HONORS, AWARDS OR ACHIEVEMENTS

Please list any honors, awards, or special achievements you have received in the following areas:

Academics:

Community Service:

Other:

ACTIVITIES

Please list your activities in the following areas:

School:

Church:

Community:

Work:

FINANCIAL NEED

Please complete this section to help the committee determine your financial need, based upon full-time enrollment (12 hours or more).

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR:

School you will be attending: _____

City/State _____

CONTINUING STUDENT:

School you are attending: _____

City/State _____

What is your expected cost of tuition for the upcoming school year? \$ _____

What is your expected cost of books and supplies? \$ _____

What is your expected cost of lodging and board? \$ _____

List all forms of financial aid you have secured thus far.

What amount of funds do you anticipate receiving from your family or yourself? \$ _____

WRITTEN ESSAY

(No more than one type-written page)

Please respond to the following:

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR:

Please describe one person in your life that has been influential in inspiring you to further your education.

Using a short response format, describe traits you possess that will enhance your education or future career.

CONTINUING STUDENT:

Write a short essay that describes areas in your life where you demonstrated leadership and overcame obstacles either through your school, social, or family life.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

All applicants must provide three letters of recommendations

(From any of the following: Teacher, Principal, Counselor, Professor, Community Worker/Volunteer, Church Volunteer, or Employer.)

Recommendation letters must accompany completed Scholarship Application, and must include the following information:

- ❖ Applicant's Name
- ❖ Relationship to the student
- ❖ Signature
- ❖ Printed Name
- ❖ Contact Number

Recommendations will not be accepted from employees of Saint Mark Baptist Church.

Verification of ministry involvement is not considered a Letter of Recommendation.

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Ministry Involvement Verification

(High School Seniors Only!)

Applicant's Name: _____

MUST BE SIGNED BY MINISTRY DIRECTOR(S)

Ministry Directors: Please verify applicant's participation in ministry.

Ministry name: _____

Years involved: _____

Duties/position: _____

Signed: _____ Title: _____

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Duties/position: _____

Signed: _____ Title: _____

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