



Scholarship Checklist for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

For Applicant Use Only

(DO NOT RETURN THIS SHEET WITH THE APPLICATION PACKET)

- I have enclosed completed type-written application. I have answered all questions on the application applicable to me.
- I have attached a completed essay as part of the scholarship application process.
- I have confirmed my commitment to attend an College or University during the 2023-24 academic year by attaching a copy of my acceptance letter from the college or university.
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY
- I have enclosed a **sealed** envelope with official transcript from my school with my application packet, requested transcript be mailed directly to the church or emailed directly to mhobbs@smark.org from high school or college.
- I have enclosed (3) letters of recommendations from a high school teacher, professors, counselor or community service leader in the application packet.
Letter of recommendations will not be accepted from employees of Saint Mark.
- I have emailed a current headshot photo to zlherts@smark.org.
- All my information in the application is typed -written.
- 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 3:00 pm on April 5, 2023. Email or Fax copies WILL NOT be accepted.

Saint Mark Baptist Church 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 full-time (based upon 12 hours or more) 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

- Applicant must be a member of Saint Mark Baptist Church, who has Completed New Membership Orientation, received the Right Hand of Fellowship.
- Currently involved in Ministry or Community Involvement (Ministry involvement will be verified by Ministry/Community Directors)

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

Requirements

- A completed type-written scholarship application
- An official high school transcript (for high school seniors) or college transcript (for continuing students)
Must be in sealed envelope, mailed directly to church or emailed to mhobbs@smark.org from High School or College
- Acceptance letter from college (**copy only**) High School Seniors
- Three letters of recommendation (type-written)
- Current Ministry Involvement (**High School Seniors only**)
- Current Photos (ONLY) send to zherts@smark.org

Please mail or drop off 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 5, 2023 by 3:00 p.m. Late or incomplete applications will not be submitted to the Committee. Faxed or e-mailed documents will **NOT** be accepted. **Application 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 church office at 501-663-3955, ext.217. 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 school's 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.

*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 High School Senior**

Major: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code

___ **Continuing Student (seeking first degree)**

Major: _____

College/University: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code

***ACADEMIC WORK**

Transcript must be in sealed envelope with application, mailed directly to church or emailed to mhobbs@smark.org from the High School or College.

***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 up full-time enrollment (12 hours or more)–**(MUST BE COMPLETED)**

Graduating High School Student:

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?

*\$ _____ (required)

What is your expected cost of books and supplies?

*\$ _____ (required)

What is your expected cost of lodging and board?

*\$ _____ (required)

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

*What amount of funds do you anticipate receiving from your family or yourself?

\$ _____

*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

Letters of 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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*WRITTEN ESSAY

Write a full page, double-spaced essay according to your academic status.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR: (NO more than one type-written page)

Write and describe one person in your life that has been influential in inspiring you to further your education, and describe traits you possess that will enhance your education or future career.

CONTINUING STUDENT: (NO more than one type-written page)

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

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MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

(High School Seniors Only!)

Signature not required by Ministry Director

Applicant's Name: _____

Ministry name: _____

Years involved: _____

Duties/position: _____

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