

THE NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
REVEREND DR. ROBERT L. WALLS, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES
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The New Macedonia Baptist Church (TNMBC) offers the Reverend Dr. Robert L. Walls, Sr. Memorial Scholarship to assist eligible TNMBC church members, who are high school graduates (or GED recipients) and first-time attendees at accredited post-secondary institutions (herein after called institutions). The scholarship is designed for students seeking **undergraduate**, higher education degrees and is awarded for a consecutive four-year period to students who meet eligibility requirements.

The Reverend Dr. Robert L. Walls, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is managed and distributed by the Scholarship Ministry, which is a part of and has oversight by the Discipleship Ministry of the church. The mailing address of the Scholarship Ministry is:

The New Macedonia Baptist Church
c/o Scholarship Ministry
4115 Alabama Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20019

Scholarship Information

1. In addition to the authorities granted to the Discipleship Ministry under the Constitution and By-laws, the Scholarship Ministry shall prayerfully recommend and grant scholarships without intercession from any other church group or ministry. All applications will be kept confidential and secured at the church.
2. TNMBC will appropriate funds for all scholarships for a consecutive four-year period for students who maintain full-time enrollment and meet other eligibility requirements. The amount of each scholarship granted will be based upon the availability of funds. The annual disbursed amount will not exceed the recipient's annual award amount, which at its maximum is \$5,000 per year per recipient.
3. All applicants must satisfy requirements and criteria set forth by the Scholarship Ministry as approved by the Senior Pastor. Annual awards will not exceed tuition, room, board, books and other required fees and may be prorated. Further:
 - a. Invoices must be submitted for consideration of payment;
 - b. To receive payment for books, applicant must submit class schedule, required book list, and proof of book costs.
4. The funds allocated for the scholarship awards will be sent directly to the recipient's institution, via USPS Priority Mail, with stipulations said funds are to be used to pay the student's tuition, room and board, books or other required fees. TNMBC:
 - a. Shall remit payments for each academic year in two payments: fall semester and spring semester;
 - b. Will not disburse scholarship payment for invoices submitted with "zero" or credit balances;
 - c. Will not pay for the cost of school supplies;
 - d. Will not disburse payments exceeding the documented tuition amount for any semester, regardless of award amount.
5. Scholarship funds **will not** be disbursed to the recipient and/or recipient's parent or legal guardian.
ADDITIONALLY, THE CHURCH WILL NOT REIMBURSE RECIPIENT AND/OR PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS FOR PAYMENTS MADE TO THE INSTITUTION.

6. Scholarship recipients who attend institutions outside of the Washington Metropolitan area must maintain regular attendance and relationship with a church or campus ministry and **must provide proof of regular church attendance and/or ministry participation**. Recipients who attend local institutions must remain active in TNMBC ministries.
7. **The remaining balance of a scholarship award will be forfeited if a student:**
 - a. Fails to maintain full-time, concurrent enrollment;
 - b. Withdraws from school at any time during the academic year (for reasons other than documented medical withdrawal);
 - c. Fails to meet all other eligibility requirements set forth in the guidelines;
 - d. Does not submit a recurring application.

Forfeited awards ARE NOT eligible for reinstatement. Any exceptions require the approval of the Senior Pastor.
8. Funds not awarded for a semester or academic year are forfeited and cannot be deferred.

Eligibility Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded only to eligible TNMBC students who meet all the criteria set forth in these guidelines. All scholarship recipients must inform the Scholarship Ministry, immediately, of any change in enrollment status or change of institution. The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient without any financial lien on the recipient (the recipient does not have to reimburse the church for scholarship funds). However, scholarship recipients are expected to occasionally participate, upon request, in Scholarship Ministry activities and events.

First Time Applicants

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Membership Time and Ministry Participation
2. Essay Quality
3. Cumulative Grade Point Average

Criteria

High school graduates or GED recipients must apply for the Reverend Dr. Robert L. Walls, Sr. Memorial Scholarship by Sunday, April 30, 2023.

1. Applicants must be active members of The New Macedonia Baptist Church for at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship.
2. Applicants must be a) in good standing with TNMBC in accordance with the church's Constitution and By-laws; and b) currently involved in a minimum of two ministries, including at least one of the following: Bible Study, AWANA, Teen Bible Study, Hallelujah Chorus, Vacation Bible School, or Youth and Young Adult Ushers.
3. Applicants must have attended at least one TNMBC sponsored Scholarship Ministry workshop, each year, while enrolled in high school (grades 9-12). Consideration will be given to those beyond the 9th grade when the guidelines changed in 2018. The Scholarship Ministry will maintain workshop attendance records.

4. Applicants must include:

- a. An acceptance letter from an accredited post-secondary institution with their scholarship application.
- b. Official high school transcript.
- c. Three letters of recommendation, one each from: a) a teacher or guidance counselor; b) member of church leadership (i.e. pastor, minister, deacon, deaconess or trustee); and c) TNMBC Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **Students must request letters of reference from church leadership and the TNMBC Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry two weeks in advance of the required due date.**
- d. An essay response to the prompt in the scholarship application. **The essay must be 500 words, typed 12-point font and double spaced. The essay will be scored on content, organization, relevance and grammar.**

Recurring Scholarship Applicants

All scholarship recipients must apply annually for recurring scholarships.

Criteria

1. Recurring scholarship applications will be accepted no later Sunday, June 25, 2023.
Recurring scholarship applicants must:
 - a. Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA.
 - i. If a student fails to attain a cumulative 2.5 GPA at the end of a semester, they will not receive funds for the upcoming semester. However, if they meet the 2.5 GPA requirement during the semester for which their funds were not awarded, they can receive funds for the next semester (if they meet other eligibility requirements). The money forfeited for the semester where the GPA was less than 2.5 cannot be reinstated.
 - b. Submit applications for recurring scholarships to the Scholarship Ministry for each recurring year.
 - c. Submit a 750-word essay, with the recurring application, on one of the following topics:
 - i. How has college impacted my life this year?
 - ii. Personal Statement: How my witness has impacted my post-secondary environment.
 - iii. "A Divine Push" - Describe two things during this academic year that have acted as a divine push for you to continue to pursue your educational goals.
 - iv. Why should loving God and obeying His word be a priority as you pursue your educational and career goals?
 - v. How do you plan to use your post-secondary education to bless others?
 - vi. How will God's word empower you to extend your witness to others on your college/university campus?

- d. Submit an unofficial college transcript with their recurring application (recurring scholarship applicants may be required to submit an official transcript at any time during the academic year).
 - e. Participate in ministry activities as prescribed by the Scholarship Ministry and approved by the Senior Pastor. Alternatively, provide a confirmation letter, with recurring application, detailing participation in church or campus ministry activities and signed by a ministry official.
2. If approved for recurring scholarship, applicants must:
- a. Submit fall semester invoices and transcript (for the previous semester) to Scholarship Ministry Leader by the first Friday in August.
 - b. Submit spring semester invoices and transcript (for the previous semester) to the Scholarship Ministry Leader by the third Friday in December.

These guidelines shall supersede any previous policy or guidelines, verbal or written. Any exceptions must be approved by the Senior Pastor.

Scholarship Ministry Members

DIT Dr. Calvin Hooks, Ministry Leader

Sister Kenyatta Albeny
 Sister Michelle Brown
 Sister BreAnna Bullock, Youth Rep.
 Sister Tonya Hardin
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