

# ***THE NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH***

*4115 Alabama Avenue, Southeast  
Washington, DC 20019*

## ***REVEREND DR. ROBERT L. WALLS, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES***

***For Academic Year 2010-2011***

The New Macedonia Baptist Church offers the Reverend Dr. Robert L. Walls, Sr. Memorial Scholarship to assist eligible church members, who are high school graduates or G.E.D. recipients, obtain a college degree or trade/technical school Certificate of Completion, from an accredited college, university or trade/technical school (hereinafter referred to as an institution of higher learning).

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

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

### **Scholarship information for both first-time and recurring applicants**

1. The New Macedonia Baptist church will appropriate funds for all scholarships. The amount of each scholarship granted will be based upon the availability of funds. All applicants must satisfy requirements and criteria set forth by the Scholarship Ministry as approved by the Senior Pastor. Awarded scholarships must not exceed tuition, room, board and other required fees.
2. Only students who have an acceptance letter from an accredited institution of higher learning will be considered. The acceptance letter must accompany the Scholarship application.
3. 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.
4. Scholarship applications will be accepted annually no later than the first Sunday in May. Recurring scholarship applications will be accepted no later than the fourth Sunday in June.
5. The funds allocated for the scholarship will be sent directly to the recipient's school, by certified mail and return receipt requested, with stipulations that the money is to be used only for the student's tuition, room and board, books or other required fees. The funds will not be turned over to the recipient.

**ADDITIONALLY, THE CHURCH WILL NOT REIMBURSE PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS FOR PAYMENTS MADE TO THE SCHOOL.** Recurring applicants must submit a tuition bill from the college or university each semester to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer for payment to your institution.

6. Scholarship money will not exceed \$5,000 per school year regardless of the initial amount awarded.

### **Application Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Essay Quality
2. Ministry Participation
3. Financial Need
4. Cumulative Grade Point Average

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The scholarship will be awarded only to students who meet all the criteria set forth in these guidelines. All scholarship recipients must inform the Scholarship Ministry immediately of any change in school status. 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).

#### *First Time Applicants*

- i. Applicants must be active members of The New Macedonia Baptist Church for at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship.
- ii. Applicants must be (1) in good standing with The Macedonia Baptist Church in accordance with the church's Constitution and By-laws; and (2) currently involved in a minimum of two ministries, including at least one of the following: Sunday School, Bible Study, AWANA, Hallelujah Chorus, Vacation Bible School and Youth and Young Adult Usher.
- iii. Applicants must submit evidence of financial status (copy of parents' or legal guardians' most recent W-2 form).
- iv. Applicants must attend at least two Financial Aid Workshops; **one sponsored by the TNMBC Scholarship Ministry during the applicant's senior year in high school.** Applicants must submit two signed attendance certificates; one must be signed by the TNMBC Scholarship Ministry Leader or designee for a TNMBC workshop taken during their senior year **and** one certificate (or other certified documentation) to confirm attendance at a financial aid workshop either at TNMBC or another location.
- v. Applicants must submit their **official** high school transcript and **official** SAT/ACT scores.
- vi. Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation: one from a teacher or guidance counselor; one from a member of church leadership, (i.e. Pastor, Deacon or Ministry Leader), and one from a personal friend.

- vii. Applicants must write an essay entitled "Impact and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Robert L. Walls, Sr." The essay must be 200 words, typed and double spaced. The essay must accompany the application.
- viii. Scholarship recipients who attend a college/university outside of the Washington Metropolitan area are expected to be in regular attendance and relationship with a church or campus ministry and involved in a community service activity.
- ix. Scholarship recipients who attend college locally must remain active in ministries of The New Macedonia Baptist Church.
- x. Applicants must have a **cumulative 2.5 GPA.**
- xi. Applicants must have been accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning and entering school for the first time. An acceptance letter must accompany the application.

**Recurring Applicants**

- i. Recurring applicants must submit applications to the Scholarship Ministry for each recurring year. Further, recurring applicants must write a 300 word essay entitled "How College Has Impacted My Life this Year" each year they reapply.
- ii. Recurring scholarship applicants must be full-time students and maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
- iii. Recurring scholarship applicants may be required to submit an official transcript at any time during the academic year. Recurring applicants must submit an official college transcript annually with their application.
- iv. Recurring students must provide a confirmation letter detailing their participation in church or campus ministry activities.
- v. Scholarship awards will be cancelled for students who drop out or have a break in school.

**These guidelines shall supersede any previous policy or guidelines, verbal or written.**

**The Scholarship Ministry Members**

Minister Leila Franklin  
 Sister Dorothy Artis, Ministry Leader  
 Sister Lynel McFadden, Assistant Ministry Leader  
 Brother Wallace Gooden, Secretary  
 Deaconess Regina Bolden-Whitaker, Member  
 Sister Miriam Chastine, Member  
 Sister Tonya Hardin, Member

Sister Elizabeth Lamb, Member  
 Trustee Margaret Mitchell, Member  
 Sister Margretta Tinsley, Member  
 Deacon Robert L. Walls, Jr., Chief Financial Officer  
 Reverend Patrick J. Walker, Ex-officio