



2025 Scholarships  
**Rev. C.K. Jones Scholarship (\$1,000)**  
**Mrs. Mollie Foreman Scholarship (\$500)**  
**Mrs. Janie Griffin Scholarship (\$500)**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED OR TURNED INTO CHURCH SECRETARY AND SIGNED BY HER ON OR BEFORE 2:00 PM April 17, 2025.**

March 3, 2025

Dear Applicant and Parent:

Each year, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, stands steadfast in supporting the success of young achievers in the academic arena. Ebenezer Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, was founded in 1859 and is the oldest African-American church in the City of Virginia Beach.

We welcome eligible high school seniors who will graduate in June of 2025 to apply for our one-time scholarships. The application and guidelines are attached.

Please contact Ms. Marjorie Pitt ( 757-395-0330 [mspitt62@gmail.com](mailto:mspitt62@gmail.com)) if you have questions. Our scholarships will be presented in July. We look forward to reviewing your application for consideration of our numerous scholarships.

Blessings,  
Pastor R. Perez Gatling  
Ms. Marjorie Pitt, Scholarship Committee, Chair



# Ebenezer Baptist Church Scholarship Award Criteria



In order to be considered for the scholarship, each applicant must:

1. Be a 2025 high school senior graduating from a public or private high school in the Hampton Roads region (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, Suffolk),
2. Have been accepted by an accredited post-secondary institution education for the 2024-2025 academic year,
3. Submit a completed scholarship application, along with all required documents, no later than April 17, 2025. Applications sent by mail must be received in our office by the application deadline. Applications turned in personally at our church office must be received by 2pm April 17, 2025 (The church secretary will sign the application and mark the date of receipt.),
4. Submit a 300-word essay detailing where they see themselves after completing college (Please reflect on how your career choice will make you a better person and a productive citizen. The essay must be typed and double-spaced.),
5. Provide a resume that outlines their academic, civic, community, and/or religious engagement for the past 3 years (Please include any awards, additional scholarships awarded, or other recognition received.),
6. Provide two completed recommendation forms from non-family members.
  - a. One must be from a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.
  - b. The second must be from a church, employer, civic or other community group in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal,
7. Provide a copy of an acceptance letter from the institution you may attend on official letterhead,
8. Be a graduating senior with a grade point average of:
  - a. 3.0 minimum for Rev. C.K. Jones 2025 Scholarship
  - b. 2.5 minimum for Mrs. Janie Griffin 2025 Scholarship and Mrs. Mollie Foreman 2025 Scholarship
9. Provide an official high school transcript in a sealed envelope,
  - a. The applicant's transcript must reflect a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on April 17, 2025 to qualify for the Rev. C. K. Jones 2025 Scholarship. The winner must submit a final transcript upon graduation in June 2025, that reflects their final grade point average of a minimum 3.0 to receive the award.
  - b. The applicant's transcript must reflect a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on April 17, 2025, to qualify for the Mrs. Janie Griffin and Mrs. Mollie Foreman 2025 Scholarship. The winner must submit a final transcript upon graduation in June 2025, that reflects their final grade point average of a minimum 2.5 to receive the award.



# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Please type or print legibly in black ink. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     First                                    Middle Initial                                    Last

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     First                                    Middle Initial                                    Last

**Section I: Scholarship**

1. High School: \_\_\_\_\_

2. School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

State Located: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Anticipated Major: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Activities/Organizations:

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6. Give evidence of your leadership abilities:

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7. Please share achievements during high school:

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8. Please list in detail why you are requesting this scholarship:

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9. List any additional tuition assistance you are receiving:

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**Section III: (MUST BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR)  
AN OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MUST  
ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**

1. High School G.P.A. (computed on 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_
2. SAT/ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Counselor

**Section IV: Write a 300-word essay detailing where you see yourself in four years after completing college. Please reflect on how your career choice will make you a better person and productive citizen. The essay must be typed and double-spaced.**

**(ATTACH A TYPED DOUBLE-SPACED SHEET)**

**Section V: Submit two completed recommendation forms from a non-family member in a sealed envelope signed by recommender.**

1. One must be from a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator.
2. The second must be from a church, employer, civic or other community group. Referring person must indicate how long they have known the applicant and in what capacity.

**Section VI: Certification Statement**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

**SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2025**

Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO:  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
965 Baker Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
Applications delayed by mail will not be accepted.**

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For Scholarship Committee Use Only

Date Postmarked: \_\_\_\_\_

Application:  Complete  
 Incomplete

## Ebenezer Baptist Church 2025 Scholarship Recommendation Form

Must be submitted in a sealed envelope signed by the recommender.

**Applicant:** Fill in your name and school above and then ask an instructor, counselor, administrator to complete the first recommendation and then ask a representative for a church, your employer, or community group to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> form. **Professional references only; no relatives or friends. Two recommendation forms must be received** with your application packet. Please allow the recommender adequate time to complete the form. It is your responsibility to make sure your references complete the recommendation in time for you to submit your scholarship application.

1. **Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Applicant's School:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Reference Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

You have been asked by the above-named student to complete a recommendation. Please complete this form and **provide it to the student in a sealed envelope.** **Please be sure to sign the envelope closure** to ensure privacy.

5. In what capacity and how long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_  
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	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Not Applicable
<b>Academic Progress or Personal Achievement</b> (Grades and/or quality of work)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Attendance/Reliability</b> (Attendance and/or dependability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Attitude/Cooperation</b> (Relationships with others)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Communication Skills</b> (Ability to express ideas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Critical Thinking Skills</b> (Ability to lead and influence and/or judgment/evaluation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Motivation</b> (Initiative, resourcefulness, self-starter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Potential for Success</b> (Ability to set and achieve goals)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Work Habits/Organization Skills</b> (Ability to plan, manage and execute)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Teamwork</b> (Respects diversity, opinions of others)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments you would like us to know about the applicant (attach additional sheet if needed):  
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## Ebenezer Baptist Church 2025 Scholarship Recommendation Form

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Additional Comments you would like us to know about the applicant (attach additional sheet if needed):  
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## Ebenezer Baptist Church Scholarship Applicant Checklist

Please complete as a point of reference.

*\* Applicant's use only*

2025 High School graduating senior of a Hampton Roads High School (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, Suffolk)	
Acceptance letter from an accredited institution of post-secondary education	
Minimum GPA of 3.0 for Rev. C.K.Jones Scholarship	
Minimum GPA of 2.5 for Mrs. Janie Griffin Scholarship	
Minimum GPA of 2.5 for Mrs. Mollie Foreman Scholarship	
Typed essay	
Resume	
Official transcript	
Two recommendation Forms each in a Sealed Envelope signed by the Recommender ( <i>*one from each category</i> )	1.
1. SCHOOL: <u>High school teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator</u>	2.
2. COMMUNITY: <u>Church, employer, civic or other community group</u>	
Completed Scholarship Application. All sections completed and signed	