



To know God, to love and to serve

2017 Scholarship Application



**Application Deadline:
May 9, 2017
6:00 PM**

The General Scholarship Fund

The Bible Way Church of Atlas Road recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, service to community, and the desire to pursue higher education through its annual scholarship awards. Scholarships are awarded to church members who are graduating seniors and who will pursue post-secondary education at technical schools as well as four-year colleges and universities. Recipients are eligible to receive a one-time award of \$1,000.

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?

1. Individuals who have been active members of the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road for one full year at the time of application. The Director of New Members will confirm the membership status.
2. Members who are current high school seniors, who have been accepted to a post-secondary institution, and have been actively involved in Sunday School, church ministries and other Youth Department activities for at least one full year at the time of application. (*Some examples might include the choir, ushers, hospitality team, parking lot team, praise dancers, etc.*)
3. Applicants must submit all required documentation: application, typed essay, letter of acceptance, and forms verifying participation in church organizations.
4. Applicants must place all application materials in a sealed envelope. All requested documents must be placed in the Youth/Scholarship Ministry mailbox in the church office no later than 6:00 pm on May 9, 2017.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ALL REQUIRED SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION ARE DUE BY
6:00 pm on MAY 9, 2017.**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Selection Criteria

Applicants must:

- Earn a high school diploma or GED and be accepted to a post-secondary institution.
- Consistently participate in church activities/auxiliaries, and submit one letter of recommendation signed by a ministry leader who is familiar with the individual's participation.
- Be involved in community service activities and submit a verification letter from the organization(s) stating number of hours rendered.
- Develop a vision board and or complete a goal setting activity and choose two of the Real Life Survival Skills to complete and submit by 10:00 pm on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Midnight Hoops.
- Participate in the Transition Preparation Workshop on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. This Workshop is designed to assist students in successfully transitioning from high school to college. Topics discussed will include: College Life 101, Campus Safety, and Real Talk.
- Submit a one-page double-spaced typewritten essay on the theme, *"Striving for Success in 2017: The Benefits of Receiving the Scholarship from Bible Way Church"*. Essay should incorporate the roles of education and church in your life. More specifically, it should express your career goals and the specific contributions you plan to make to the community and church after completing post-secondary training. It must be a well written piece that will also exhibit your understanding of grammar, syntax and the overall mechanics/format of an essay.
- Be seeking a degree and enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours at the time of application. Continuing Education classes do not qualify.

This scholarship is a one (1) time award. Delayed entry into college after high school forfeits the scholarship.

A complete application packet must include the following:

- The scholarship application with all sections completed;
- A letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution;
- Typed essay that is consistent with the outlined theme;
- Letter of verification of community involvement, on community organization letterhead; and
- Letter of recommendation that documents the applicant's level of participation and involvement in church/youth department activities. The letter must be written by the Director of Youth Development or a leader of any other auxiliary in which the applicant is active.

Application Instructions:

Please complete the **entire** application. Type or print information using blue or black ink. All questions must be answered for the application to be considered for the scholarship.

Last Name First Name MI

Street Address Apt/Lot

City State Zip

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Home Phone

() _____
Cell or Alternate Phone

Please answer the following questions:

- How long have you been a ***member*** of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road? _____
- Please list all church ministries, or activities in which you participate.
Please submit one letter of recommendation from the Director of Youth Development or any other church ministry leader in which you are active, documenting your level of participation and involvement in church/youth department activities.

Ministry/Activity	Date (if applicable)

3. List the name(s) of the institution(s) where you have applied.

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4. Have you been accepted by an accredited institution? Yes No

If yes, please list the institution(s). *(Include a copy of your acceptance letter)*

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_____	_____
_____	_____

5. List the name and address of the institution you plan to attend this fall.

Name of Institution		

_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip

6. List the community organizations/activities that you are a member of or have participated in. Include letter(s) from the organization(s) detailing the amount of hours rendered on their official letterhead.

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The Essay

Please attach a one-page double-spaced, typewritten essay on the theme, *“Striving for Success in 2017: The Benefits of Receiving the Scholarship from Bible Way Church”* expressing how this scholarship will be beneficial to obtaining your degree. Also, include your career goals and specific contributions you plan to make to the community and church after completing your degree.

All essays must be typed and submitted with the application. Please use a separate sheet of paper, record your name on the essay and attach it to this application. Essays will be evaluated according to these categories: usage and mechanics, clarity and coherence, adherence to theme, and inclusion of adequate details.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Application Deadline:	Tuesday, May 9, 2017 No later than 6:00pm Scholarship Ministry mailbox (Church Office)
Award Presentation:	Tuesday, August 8, 2017 7:00pm (Back-to-School Service)

Scholarship applications with instructions and forms are available via www.bwcar.org; and the information can be placed in the Scholarship Ministry mailbox in the church office.

The Pastor, Executive Trustees, Assistant Pastor, Associate Pastor(s), Senior Elder(s) and Scholarship Committee reserve the right to make ***any*** changes deemed necessary. If and when changes are made you will be notified.

Applicant Checklist

Thank you for applying for a scholarship offered by the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road. Please submit the completed application package to the Youth Ministry/Scholarship mailbox in the church office no later than May 9, 2017 by 6:00pm. Place your completed application package in a sealed envelope; and put it in the designated box located in the church office.

Please complete the checklist below, making certain that you have submitted all required materials.

- Completed application **WITH** signature
- Letter of recommendation from the Director of Youth Development / Ministry Leader indicating your consistent participation in church activities, including length of time
- Letter of acceptance to a post-secondary education program
- Typed essay that is consistent with the outlined theme
- Letter from community organization(s) verifying participation and hours rendered.

Please include this form with your application materials.

I have submitted all required materials above as part of my scholarship application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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