

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE
HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Foundation of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, MS

Social Security Number: _____ **Telephone:** _____

1. Name: _____

2. Address – School: _____

Address – Local: _____

3. Date of birth: _____

4. School attending: _____

5. Degree sought: _____

6. Classification: _____

7. Number of hours to take: Fall _____ **Spring** _____

8. Amount of assistance you are seeking _____

9. Are you presently receiving aid from other sources other than your family? _____

Amount: _____ **From whom:** _____

10. What is your total tuition per semester? _____

11. Are you currently or have you been an active member of First Baptist Church of Columbia?
_____ **For how long?** _____

12. Would you agree to a conference with the Foundation concerning your request for assistance? _____

***** The information given is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official transcript from institution must be provided to the Foundation.

Please provide two letters of reference.

Completed application is due no later than June 15th.

Please return completed applications to the First Baptist Church office.

Please see reverse for important Scholarship Guidelines and requirements.

**The Foundation of the First Baptist Church of Columbia
Scholarship Guidelines**

1. Scholarships are awarded in recognition of Christian character, academic achievement, future potential and financial need.
2. Scholarships are for tuition and/or fees only and exclude room and board. Students who already have scholarships covering 100% of their tuition are not eligible for consideration.
3. Scholarships are for the regular school year only and not for summer school.
4. Scholarship recipients from prior years must file a new application each year.
5. The completed application and all supporting materials, including reference letters, must be on file with the Foundation (submitted to the Church Office) by June 15 for the following term. No exceptions can be made and incomplete submissions will not be considered. At the conclusion of the term, grade reports must be sent to the Foundation.
6. Scholarships for students attending Baptist College, University and Seminary Institutions will be awarded in recognition of Christian character without prejudice or discrimination so long as they are or were members of First Baptist Church of Columbia. (It is certainly acceptable, and in fact commendable, to be actively involved in another church during the school year if attending school outside of the Columbia area.)
7. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student for the school year in which aid is sought at a Baptist college or university, approved by the Foundation, and retain full time status through each term for which scholarship is awarded (excluding summer school). Full time is defined by the institution. The applicant is responsible for providing the Foundation with official documentation as to the institution's definition of full-time status.

Graduate school and Seminary applicants must carry at least 6.0 hours for each term for which a scholarship is awarded (excluding summer school.).

Students who will be graduating or completing requirements from graduation at the end of the fall term may apply for a scholarship for that term only.
8. Applicant must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4-point scale (or 1.5 on a 3-point scale) for consideration for a scholarship according to the following categories:
 - a. Entering college students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative for 9th- 12th grade.
 - b. Returning college/graduate school/seminary students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative average or 3.0 for the most recently completed full term.
 - c. An official transcript from the institution must be provided to the Foundation at the address shown below. Transcripts may be printed off the web.
9. Applicants must provide two letters of reference. Attach these to your application or instruct your references to send their letters to the Foundation at the address shown below. Letters of reference from an applicant's family members will not be accepted by the The Foundation.
10. The Foundation will review all applications and reference letters and then invite qualified applicants to a brief interview in June. The Foundation must interview all applicants. The Foundation determines the amount of each scholarship awarded.
11. All scholarships will be awarded by July 31st of each year, or at such time as the interviews are completed. All interviewed applicants will receive notification shortly thereafter.
12. At the beginning of each term, the Foundation will mail each recipient a check payable to the order of the designated institution.
13. Recipients who do not complete a term for which they received a scholarship are responsible for repaying the funds to the Foundation. Extenuating circumstances, such as death in family or severe personal illness or injury, may be considered by the Foundation.
14. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent for each term for which a scholarship has been awarded. If a student earns less than the required grade point average for the one term, no repayment is expected for that term, but no scholarship will be provided for the remaining term(s) of the academic year.
15. Recipients may be required to make a brief written report each term, as directed by the Foundation. Recipients are required to submit a copy of each term's grade report to the Foundation within a week of receiving their grades from the institution.
16. Recipients of fall-term scholarships may request funds for other terms, excluding summer school, of that academic year by providing a letter of request and an acceptable grade report to the Foundation at the address shown below no later than December 31st.
17. The Foundation reserves the right to review and cancel the scholarship at any time due to unsatisfactory academic status or recipient's failure to observe reasonable standards of Christian citizenship.
18. Send all material to First Baptist Church Foundation, 900 South High School Avenue, Columbia, MS 39429 or email material to corneliacooper@yahoo.com.
19. For questions, please contact the Church Office at 601-736-2608.