



2009 Scholarship Application



**Application Deadline:
May 19, 2009
6:00pm**

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 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 \$500 per semester for two semesters.

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, usher, 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 with one copy of their senior/graduation picture. All requested documents must be placed in the Youth/Scholarship ministry mailbox in the church office no later than May 19, 2009 at 6:00pm.

**ALL APPLICATIONS, COMPLETED IN ENTIRETY, AND ALL REQUIRED
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE DUE BY
6:00PM MAY 19, 2009.**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Selection Criteria

- An applicant must earn a high school diploma or GED and be accepted to a post-secondary institution.
- Consistent participation in church activities/auxiliaries. Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation signed by a ministry leader who is familiar with the individual's participation. Please submit a completed and properly signed verification form along with your application.
- Involvement in community. You must participate in the "Generation Next" Leadership Institute (October 2008-May 2009) each Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00pm. This Institute is designed to assist students in successfully transitioning from high school to college. Topics discussed will include: Teen Health Issues, Service Learning, Securing Financial Assistance, Money Management and more. *For those students who have prior approval for service learning and community hours, and will not be participating in "Generation Next," you may submit service hour logs detailing your involvement in school activities and verification forms detailing your involvement in organizations/activities (20 hours at Bible Way and 30 hours in the community, or all 60 hours at Bible Way). Submit completed and properly signed service hour logs the first Tuesday of each month.

** Approval for Generation Next exemption must be obtained from the Youth Director or Scholarship Ministry Leader.*
- A typed essay. This 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.
- Student must be degree seeking and enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours. Scholarship does not pay for Continuing Education classes.
- To qualify for the second disbursement in the spring, recipients must submit all final grades from previous semester or quarter to the Office of Youth Development. A GPA of 2.0 or higher is required to receive second disbursement.
- This scholarship is a one (1) time award (Fall/Spring). 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
- A letter of recommendation must be submitted that documents the applicant's level of participation and involvement in church/youth department activities. The letter must be written by the Youth Department Director or a leader of any other auxiliary in which the applicant is active.

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).

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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 the letter from the organization detailing the amount of hours rendered on their official letter head.

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Letter of Recommendation

Please submit one letter of recommendation from the Youth Director or any other church ministry leader in which you are active, documenting your level of participation and involvement in church/youth department activities.

The Essay

Please attach a one-page, typewritten essay on the theme, "Striving for Success in 2009: 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 along with the application. Please use a separate sheet of paper, record your name on the essay and attach it to this application. An essay will be chosen to be read by the winning recipient during the 2009 Scholarship Banquet. Essays will be evaluated according to these categories: usage and mechanics, clarity and coherence, adherence to theme, and inclusion of adequate details.

Letter of Acceptance from a College/University

A copy of the letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution where you plan to attend must be attached with your application.

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

Applicant Signature

Date

Application Deadline:	Tuesday, May 19, 2009 No later than 6:00pm Office of Youth Development
Award Presentation:	Tuesday, August 18, 2009 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 Youth Ministry/Scholarship mailbox in the church office.

The Pastor, Executive Trustees, 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 Bible Way Church of Atlas Road. Please submit the completed application package to the Office of Youth Development no later than May 19, 2009 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 Youth Director / Ministry Leader indicating your consistent participation in church activities, including length of time
- Letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning
- Typed essay that is consistent with the outlined theme

Please include this form with your application materials.

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

Applicant Signature

Date

