

# **First Baptist Church**

Pensacola, Florida

## **College Scholarship**

### **Application**

2025-2026

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Scholarships are awarded based on Christian character, academic achievement, and financial need.
2. Scholarships are for educational expense only.
3. Scholarship recipients from prior years must file a new application each year.
4. The completed application and ALL supporting materials, including reference letters, must be on file with FBC Scholarship Ministry Team by the published date to be considered. INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Use your FINAL CHECK LIST TO ENSURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.
5. The applicant must be an active MEMBER of FBC Pensacola for at least one year. (It is certainly acceptable to be actively involved in another church during the academic year if you are attending a college/university outside the Pensacola area.)
6. The applicant must be enrolled as a student (full-time or part -time) for the upcoming school year at a regionally accredited, post-secondary institution and retain status as a student through each term for which a scholarship is awarded.
7. Entering freshman college students must have at least a 2.75 unweighted cumulative GPA for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.
8. Returning college students must have at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 1.5 on a 3.0 scale for consideration for a scholarship. CURRENT COLLEGE GRADE REPORT/TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.
9. If the applicant is an incoming college freshman, he/she must provide TWO REFERENCE LETTERS. One is to be from a SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER. If the applicant is currently enrolled in a local college or an out-of-town college, he/she must provide TWO REFERENCE LETTERS. One is to be from his/her CURRENT BIBLE STUDY LEADER, CURRENT PASTOR, OR CURRENT CAMPUS MINISTRY GROUP LETTER. ATTACH THESE TWO LETTERS TO THE APPLICATION OR INSTRUCT REFERENCES TO SEND THEIR LETTERS DIRECTLY TO THE FBC PENSACOLA SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY TEAM AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW (#14)
10. The FBC Scholarship Ministry Team members will review all completed applications and reference letters and at their discretion may invite qualifying applicants for a brief interview. The team determines the amount of each scholarship awarded.
11. All scholarships will be awarded in June and all applicants will receive written notification from the Scholarship Ministry Team, and checks for 100% of their awards.
12. Recipients who do not earn credits during a term for which they received a scholarship from FBC Pensacola are asked to be responsible stewards and repay FBC Pensacola Scholarship Fund for that amount.
13. PRINT the completed copy; affix signatures; and submit to the Student Ministry Office by the deadline. Do not print front and back to same page. Print each page separately using NO STAPLES.

14. DEADLINE: Send all materials to the following address by **Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

*First Baptist Church of Pensacola  
Student Ministry Office  
500 North Palafox Street  
Pensacola, FL 32501*

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS.**

For questions or clarification, please contact the Student Ministry Office. (850-433-5631)

*Please do not submit the Policy and Procedures pages with your application. Retain them for your records. Application will be kept confidentially on file with the Scholarship Ministry Team, but a new application is needed each academic year. Make copies of all forms for your own records.*

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**Scholarship Fund Application Form**

**Required Documentation:**

For you to be considered for a scholarship, all of the following items MUST be received by the FBCP Scholarship Ministry Team by the published **deadline (04/27/25)**

1. This complete form, including separate-page attachments where indicated below.
2. A copy of an official statement from your college or University (e.g. copy of a page from the catalog, bulleting, or other official document) **VERIFYING THE COSTS SUCH AS TUITION, FEES, ROOM AND BOARD.**
3. **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.** See #9 page II. Your references should address their letters to: First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Scholarship Ministry Team, 500 North Palafox Street, Pensacola, FL 32501.
4. **TYPE THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ATTACHED TO APPLICATION:**
  - a. Describe your Christian testimony- your salvation experience plus your Christian Walk, including church and church organization participation.
  - b. What are your educational/career plans?
  - c. What tuition assistance and amounts have already been awarded to you for the upcoming academic year, including scholarships, grants, and work-study programs? Do not include loans.
  - d. What tuition assistance and amounts (as described above) are still pending as of this application date?
  - e. If you do not receive a scholarship from FBC Pensacola, how will it affect your ability to finance your education?
5. College student applying must provide a college transcript. High School student applicants must provide a high school transcript.

**A. Contact Information**

**School Year Applied for:** 2025-2026

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last)

	Permanent Address	College Address
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Phone:		
E-Mail:		

**Best method/time to contact applicant, if needed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(First) (MI) (Last)

**B. Church Involvement (check all that apply)**

☐ I am a MEMBER of FBC Pensacola. How long \_\_\_\_\_ (years) (minimum of one year required)

☐ While attending college outside of Pensacola, I attend/belong to \_\_\_\_\_ Church.

My Sunday School teacher/ Bible Study Leader at that Church is: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I do not attend Sunday School/ Bible Study regularly because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
List involvements, in the past three years, in church or other Christian ministries (e.g., choir, mission trip, Campus Crusade, BCM, etc.)

**C. Academic Achievement**

Next year, I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(year of study) (institution)

Where I will be attending ☐ Full time or ☐ Part time  
And will attend for the ☐ Full Academic Year or ☐ Fall or Spring term ONLY.

Test scores: ACT \_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(only required for grad students)

List school- based organizations or other extra-curricular activities in which you participate, including any honors or volunteer hours achieved (omit church-related activities cited earlier).

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(First) (MI) (Last)

**D. Family Financial Situation**

- 1.** If you are a dependent (claimed by parents as a dependent for income tax purposes) of your parents, complete the following. (Note: Parent must sign form on page 3)

I live with:     ☐ both parents (or parent + step-parent)  
                      ☐ Single Mother  
                      ☐ Single Father  
                      ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

Besides yourself, how many other dependent children live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of these children attend:

Private school (grades K-12): \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2.** If you ARE NOT a dependent (not claimed by parents as a dependent for income tax purposes last year) of your parents, please complete the following:

Did your parent(s) claim you as a dependent on their last year's income tax return?

☐ yes  
☐ no

Describe your family situation:

☐ I live on my own and am fully self-supporting, with a total yearly gross income of: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I am married and my spouse and I are self-supporting.

My spouse is:

☐ a student  
☐ not employed outside the home  
☐ works for a total yearly gross income of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. ALL applicants complete this section:**

[ ] During the current academic year I work \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week  
at \_\_\_\_\_ for a total academic  
yearly gross income of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] This upcoming summer I seek to work \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week  
at \_\_\_\_\_ for a total summer  
yearly gross income of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] I did not work (am not working) this summer because:

**4. Any other circumstances which are affecting your financial need (death/illness in family, loss of job, etc.)**

**E. Annual College Costs**

*If attending less than a full academic year for the upcoming year, show costs ONLY for the term(s) that you will be attending.*

College/University/Seminary for this upcoming academic year:

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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(First)

(MI)

(Last)

1.	Tuition (according to school's published data)	
2.	Total of all tuition assistance already awarded for upcoming year (include scholarships and grants, but NOT loans)	
3.	Tuition balance. = (line 1 minus line 2)	
4.	Books, supplies, lab fees, other fees	
5.	Room and Board (if living in student housing)	
6.	Room and Board (if NOT living in student housing)	
7.	Total outstanding cost of education = (sum of lines 3 through 6)	
8.	Estimated contribution from parent(s), spouse, other family members	
9.	Estimate of student's contribution (if zero, please explain below)	
10.	Unfunded balance = (line 7 minus line 8 and 9)	
11.	Scholarships and grants applied for which may be applied to the cost of your education. (not included in line 2 above)	

\*Explanatory notes (indicated on line 9 above):



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(First) (MI) (Last)

**F. PLEASE ENCLOSE A RECENT PHOTO**

**G. Student and Parent Certification**

Signature of applicant:

Date:

X \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian if student is a dependent:

Date:

X \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Full compliance and completion of this form must be made in order to qualify for a scholarship. All information will be held in strict confidence with the Scholarship Ministry Team.**

## FINAL CHECKLIST

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last)

When you have completed the application and have checked off the items below, please staple this completed page to the outside of a manilla envelope containing all of your paperwork.

### 1. Required Documentation:

- a. ☐ Completed application page 1-7
- b. ☐ Two letters of recommendation, either enclosed or separately mailed.
- c. ☐ Typed answers to questions in #4, page 1 (Under Required Documentation)
- d. ☐ transcripts (high school or college)

### 2. Signature on page 6

### 3. Recent Photo (You may copy your photo to letter size sheet of paper)

### 4. Printed, completed copy of the application, EXCLUDING THE TITLE PAGE AND DIRECTIONS