



The Abyssinian Baptist Church
SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY
POSTSECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to offer this scholarship application for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be considered for an Abyssinian Baptist Church Postsecondary Scholarship you must meet the following three (3) criteria. You must be:

1. A member of The Abyssinian Baptist Church;
2. A graduating high school senior with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher;
3. Accepted to an accredited college or postsecondary education institution in fall 2021.

Applicants must complete the attached application and include an essay, three (3) letters of reference (i.e., from a teacher, youth leader, church member) and provide an **official** transcript of grades. **The completed application package should be submitted to The Abyssinian Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry via email at louray99@gmail.com on or before June 25, 2021.**

If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact:

Ms. Joanne Palmer Lloyd, Scholarship Screening Committee Co-Chair
The Abyssinian Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry
132 Odell Clark Place
New York, NY 10030

Again, only members of The Abyssinian Baptist Church who are enrolled in college or postsecondary education are eligible for this scholarship. May God bless you in your academic endeavors.

Yours in Christ,
Louis Ray, PhD, President
Scholarship Ministry

The Abyssinian Baptist Church
132 Odell Clark Place, New York, New York 10030 Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III – Pastor

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Dear Abyssinian Member:

The Abyssinian Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry aims to help you prepare for, and be successful in postsecondary education/training. Those eligible to apply for an Abyssinian Postsecondary Scholarship are:

1. Members of The Abyssinian Baptist Church (hereafter ABC) who are graduating high school seniors, and have earned a 2.5 or higher grade point average (GPA), and will attend a college or postsecondary educational institution in fall 2021.
2. ABC members may be eligible for renewal of a scholarship based on their completion of required course credits while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The Abyssinian Baptist Church's Scholarship Ministry offers eligible students the following services:

- Provides scholarships to support high achieving high school seniors/college students pursuing postsecondary education;
- Recognizes ABC members' academic accomplishments;
- Provides mentoring to ABC scholarship applicants and recipients;
- With the support of the Congregation, encourages ABC scholarship applicants and recipients to apply for internships, summer employment opportunities, and summer research opportunities, etc.;
- Provides "care/success packages" to encourage students pursuing postsecondary education to persist and graduate.

Eligible students who are seriously planning to pursue college/postsecondary education are strongly encouraged to apply.

Submitted information and responses will be kept confidential. If you have any questions or require additional information, contact: Dr. Louis Ray, President, Scholarship Ministry, The Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 Odell Clark Place, New York, NY 10030.

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR ABC MEMBERS WHO ARE ENROLLED OR MATRICULATED IN COLLEGE OR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION. UNDERGRADUATES WHO ARE ABC MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT EARNED A BA OR BS DEGREE MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUING SUPPORT.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A completed application package consists of the following required materials:

- Completed application form;
- Official transcript of grades;
- Essay/personal statement (400 words or less);
- Three (3) Recommendations (e.g., letter from a teacher, administrator, youth leader, church member, or clergy, etc.).

All required materials are due on or before June 25, 2021
Please return completed application to:

louray99@gmail.com

Attention:

The Abyssinian Baptist Church
Scholarship Ministry
132 Odell Clark Place
New York, New York 10030



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FALL 2021

DEADLINE: June 25, 2021

Date _____

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Current Address _____

City

State

Zip code

Home Address (if different) _____

City

State

Zip code

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

The Abyssinian Baptist Church is referred to as ABC

Applicant's ABC Membership # _____ Year student joined ABC _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender: Female _____ Male _____

Citizenship: _____ US _____ Resident _____ Other _____

Year in college/postsecondary education:

First year (freshman) ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____

Tuition \$ _____ Room and board \$ _____ Books and supplies \$ _____

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

While this is not a need-based scholarship, we do reserve the option of awarding scholarships to eligible individuals demonstrating both academic merit and financial need.

Mother/Guardian

 Last First Middle Initial

Address:-----

Telephone: ----- Email-----

ABC Membership #-----Year member joined ABC-----

Father/Guardian

 Last First Middle Initial

Address:-----

Telephone: ----- Email-----

ABC Membership #-----Year member joined ABC-----

How many people are in your family's household including you?	Education of Mother: Highest grade completed_1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Current household composition: Mother____ (yes/no) Father ____ (yes/no)	Degrees earned if any: Bachelor ____ Master ____ Doctorate____
Siblings ____ (yes/no) Others ____ (yes/no) Please explain others in household composition:	Education of Father: Highest grade completed_1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Other household members in college_____	Degrees earned if any: Bachelor ____ Master ____ Doctorate____
In case of emergency, please contact: Name:_____ Relationship_____	Address:_____ Telephone:_____

III. APPLICANT’S EDUCATION INFORMATION

Present high school/college_____

Address_____

City State Zip code

Projected graduation date_____

Current major/concentration_____

Current cumulative GPA_____

Number of credits earned toward high school/college graduation_____

Chosen college_____

Please list your honors, awards, and special recognition:_____

Please list your church activities at The Abyssinian Baptist Church:_____

Please list your talents and special skills_____

We especially want to support applicants who are active in The Abyssinian Baptist Church, in their school, and community. This section is for applicants to discuss their participation in church, voluntary, extracurricular, civic, community, and humanitarian organizations. It offers space for sharing your contributions as a leader and team member including philanthropic endeavors (e.g., mentoring a younger student). *Add pages as necessary.*

IV. REFERENCES *(please see recommendation form)*

Three (3) Recommendation letters are required. One should be from a high school administrator, teacher, coach, mentor, Sunday School teacher, etc. **References from family members, relatives, or friends are not acceptable.** Recommendations should be sent directly to The Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 Odell Clark Place, New York, NY 10030, Attn: Scholarship Ministry.

Recommender #1

Name _____

Company/organization _____

Address _____

State/Zip City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Recommender #2

Name _____

Company/organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Recommender #3

Name _____

Company/organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Relationship to applicant _____

V. ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief essay/personal statement (*400 words maximum*) discussing your academic, professional, spiritual, and personal goals. Please describe the interests you plan to explore in college or postsecondary education.

VI. CERTIFICATION

My signature below certifies that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true, complete and accurate.

Signature_____

Date_____



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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's name _____

Dear Colleague:

In comparison with a representative group of students having similar experience and training, what is your assessment of the applicant in the areas listed in the table below?

Indicator	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Top 75%	Unable to judge	Other comments
Academic aptitude and potential for college						
Present academic performance						
Motivation for college or postsecondary education						

How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity; what is your relationship to the applicant? _____

What is your frank appraisal of the applicant's greatest strengths and limitations?

Name (please print) _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Company/organization _____

Date _____ Telephone _____

If you prefer to write a personal letter, please feel free to do so and attach your letter to this form. **Letters of recommendation must include the recommender's name, title, relationship to the applicant, and current contact information.**

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Indicator	Possible points	Points given reviewer 1	Points given reviewer 2	Points given reviewer 3
Application				
Membership				
ABC Church activities				
Grade point average				
Extracurricular activities				
Financial need				
Parents' educational background				
Essay				
Recommendation 1				
Recommendation 2				
Recommendation 3				
Special talents and skills				
Reviewer's name				
Reviewer's initials				
Total points				
Action and award				

Comments: