Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to offer this scholarship application for the 2024-2025 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 2024.

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**](mailto:BaptistChurchScholarshipMinistryviaemailatlouray99@gmail.comonorbeforeJune) **9, 2024**.

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

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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 an accredited college or postsecondary educational institution in fall 2024.
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 “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.

**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 9, 2024 Please return completed application to:

[**louray99@gmail.com**](mailto:louray99@gmail.com) **Attention:**

The Abyssinian Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry

132 Odell Clark Place New York, New York 10030

FALL 2024

D**EADLINE: June 9, 2024**

Date

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Last First Middle Initial

Current

Address City State Zip code

Home Address (if

different) City State Zip code

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

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***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 $

#### 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

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| 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: |

#### 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*.**

1. **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

### 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.

### 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

The Abyssinian Baptist Church

# SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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| **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 | Other |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | judge | 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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| FOR OFFICE USE PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE | | | | | |
| 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:** | | | | | |