

First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Academic Education Ministry (AEM)

2024 Scholarship Program Booklet

Scholarship Workshop: Sunday, November 19, 2023



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Dumfries, VA 22025

***These Scholarship Requirements
Apply to 2024 Graduating Seniors
only.**

****This Scholarship Booklet with attachments is due by
Monday, April 01, 2024**

Name of Student _____

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Keep and return all documents in the same white envelope that was given to you initially.

The Scholarship requirements listed in this booklet have been changed from previous years to accommodate students who were unable to participate in a church ministry due to COVID-19 restrictions and FMZBC closure during those restrictions. These requirements apply to 2024 graduating seniors only. Please read the entire scholarship booklet before beginning to apply. Print Name of Student at the bottom of each page.

Name of Student _____

FIRST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

16622 Dumfries Road

Dumfries, VA 22025

ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY (AEM)

STUDENT INFORMATION

(Please print all information legibly in black or blue ink or type.)

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

When did you join FMZBC: Year _____ Month _____

List your FMZBC Member Number _____

Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Telephone No. _____ Cell No. _____

High School _____ Telephone # _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Name of your Counselor _____ Telephone # _____

Expected Date of Your High School Graduation _____

Your GPA (to be verified by your official transcript) _____

Your first institution of higher learning choice _____

Name of Student _____

Mission of First Mount Zion Baptist Church

The mission of First Mount Zion Baptist Church is *“To connect people who have a desire to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.”* This mission is accomplished through a four-step strategy involving service, stewardship, worship, and study of His word.

Historically remembered as the little white church by the side of the road, First Mount Zion Baptist Church has experienced tremendous growth throughout its 156-year history. Currently, FMZBC has over 4,000 members, more than 100 ministries, and an edifice of 108,000 square feet. FMZBC has been extremely blessed by the Lord for its faithfulness. The main goal is to live out the mission of the church and thus fulfill God’s will for this body of believers.

History of FMZBC Scholarships

The FMZBC Academic Scholarship Program has evolved through the years to become what it is today. In the 1990’s only one to three students received FMZBC scholarships. However, in the early 2000’s, the church recommended that all graduating seniors who met the FMZBC membership requirement and who completed applications would receive a scholarship from the church. Today, students who meet the requirements as stated in this booklet will qualify for an academic scholarship from the church.

The Scholarship Program at FMZBC

The church votes on the scholarship budget once a year at church meetings. Once this amount is approved, the Scholarship Committee of the Academic Education Ministry (AEM) follows the instructions in this booklet to decide the type and amount of money to be awarded to students meeting the required deadline. Scholarships are paid to the college or school of choice of the student upon verification to the church of his/her enrollment.

Name of Student _____

Types of Scholarships and Committee Members

The three types of scholarships are:

***Scholar Award** (Participated in two ministries; completed all other requirements)

***Achiever Award** (Participated in one ministry; completed all other requirements)

***Performer Award** (No ministry participation; completed all other requirements)

Participation in church ministries will determine which type of scholarship you shall receive and the amount of the award.

All scholarship information is due by
Monday, April 01, 2024

Send your email address to AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org if you did not attend the Fall Scholarship Workshop to receive information about other organization scholarships.



First Mount Zion Academic Education Ministry (AEM)

Mr. Gerry Griffin, *Chairman*

Mrs. Kim Crawford, *Vice Chairman*

Scholarship Committee

Mrs. Sandra Grimes, *Chair*

Mr. Kenneth Spencer

Mrs. Malinda Spencer

Ms. Cheryl Minor

Mrs. Joyce S. Thompson

Dr. Delores Bazile

Mrs. Cynthia Essic - Redmond

Dr. Telia Hughes

Name of Student _____

First Mount Zion Baptist Church Scholarship Program

Specific Instructions to Students

Required: FMZBC Scholarship Awards are for students who are 2024 graduating high school seniors and who meet the following criteria:

Church Membership: Must meet the Membership Requirement at FMZBC of one year prior to the due date that is listed on the title page of this booklet (For example: The due date is April 2024; you must have been a member by April 2023.)

Acceptance to an Institution of Higher Learning: Must have been accepted to at least one institution of higher learning (trade school, community college, university, college, etc.)

Participation in a church ministry is not required for 2024 graduating seniors only. 2024 seniors may not have had the opportunity to participate in a church ministry due to COVID-19 restrictions and church closure due to those restrictions. However, students who participated in a church ministry during their high school years, prior to November 2023, should list them on the appropriate page. Participation in a one-time church outreach such as the FMZBC Community Give-Away and Feed My Starving Children **do not** qualify as ministries.

Scholarships are paid directly to the college/school the student is attending upon written confirmation/verification of their enrollment. The student must provide the college or school a copy of your scholarship award letter from the Christian Education Department so the college/ school can contact the church. Upon receipt of your official enrollment from the college/school, the church will draft a check and send it directly to the school. Contact Reverend Dr. Tracy Holley, Minister of Christian Education if you need assistance in receiving your scholarship at tholley@firstmountzionbc.org or telephone (703) 670-0184.

Other requirements:

- Must follow instructions and meet all requirements as stated within this scholarship booklet.
- Submit scholarship booklet with attachments by the due date.
- The student's name must be at the bottom of each page.

Name of Student _____

Scholarship Information

NOTE: Please print answers in blue or black ink and use complete sentences where required. Students are not required to get in-person signatures or documents to complete paragraphs A-E. Instead, you may get email verification and/or electronic signatures and include them with your scholarship booklet. *Attach an extra sheet, if necessary.*

A. MINISTRY SERVICE SUMMARY AT FMZBC (Check one)

I did not participate in a church ministry. Go to B below.

I participated in a church ministry(s). List in Section I and/or Section II below.

Section I.

1. List the Ministry at FMZBC where you have served during **high school** and before November 2023 (i.e. AEM tutor, Assistant to Sunday School teacher or other Ministry, Youth Ministry, Children's Church, Missions Trip, choir/s, ushers, SHARE, etc.) _____

2. State how God has blessed your efforts in working in this ministry.

3. Name, telephone number, and *signature* of the Chair or Supervisor of this Ministry.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Year/s of participation by student, ie. 2020-2023 _____

(Item 3 must be completed by Ministry Leader/Co-leader/Vice Leader.)

Name of Student _____

Section II.

1. List the Ministry at FMZBC where you have served during **high school** and before November 2023 (i.e. AEM tutor, Assistant to Sunday School teacher or other Ministry, Youth Ministry, Children’s Church, Missions Trip, choir/s, ushers, SHARE, etc.) _____

2. State how God has blessed your efforts in working in this Ministry.

3. Name, telephone number, and *signature* of the Chair or Supervisor of this Ministry.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Year/s of participation by student, i.e. 2020-2023 _____

(Item 3 must be completed by ministry Leader/Co-leader/Vice Leader.)

B. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT.

1. Attach a copy of your official high school transcript from the ninth grade and ending the **first semester** of your senior year. Transcripts must contain the school seal or stamp, signed by Counselor, and placed in a sealed envelope.

2. An electronic official transcript from the school counselor to the student with a confirmation email is acceptable.

Name of Student _____

C. INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING ACCEPTANCE LETTER.

Attach a copy of your acceptance letter from at least one accredited institution of higher education (university, college trade school, community college etc.).

D. CHARACTER REFERENCES.

1. Attach two letters of character references, one from a current teacher or counselor and the other one from a member of FMZBC.
 - a. Letters must include signature and date.
 - b. Letters from FMZBC member must indicate person writing letter is a FMZBC member.
 - c. Sample - Format of Expectations included as a guide.
2. References will be from two different people who are at least 21 years old and not a relative.

E. COMPOSITION.

1. Write and attach a full-page typed composition (double spaced with no larger than 12-point size font) on the topic, "My Life Now and for the Future".
2. Feel free to use biblical scriptures to show your faith.
3. Neatness and thoroughness are important.

Name of Student _____

Student Checklist

In order to make this application complete, the student must do the following (Check each as you complete this process.):

- Attach a copy of your ministry participation, if any.
- Attach a copy of your official transcript.
- Attach a copy of your acceptance letter from at least one accredited institution of higher education.
- Attach a copy of two letters of character references.
- Attach a copy of a full-page composition.

Return this entire *completed* scholarship application booklet with attachments via mail or hand delivery to:

**First Mount Zion Baptist Church
Attention: Scholarship Committee
16622 Dumfries Road
Dumfries, VA 22025**

OR

Email your completed scholarship application booklet with attachments to AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org

Due date: *All applications (hand-carried to church, mailed or emailed) are due to the church on April 01, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. If hand-carried, ask the Church Receptionist to place the scholarship application in the Scholarship Mailbox. If mailing, please ensure this package ARRIVES to the Church Office by April 01, 2024.*

Points of Contact: Mr. Gerry Griffin, AEM Chair at AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Student _____

RATING SHEET

(This information will be completed by the Scholarship Committee.)

Item	Completed
Number of Ministry(s) Participated in	
Official Transcript	
Letter of Acceptance	
Number of Letters of References	
Typed Composition	

~Type of Scholarship Recommended for this Student~

Scholar_____	Comments:
Achiever_____	Comments:
Performer_____	Comments:

Additional Comments or Observations (if any):

Signature of Scholarship Committee Evaluator _____

Date _____

Name of Student _____

EXAMPLE-Format of Expectations

Letter

of

(Letter head-if available)

Date:

(BODY OF LETTER)

Name: _____(Please Print)

Signature: _____

Member of FMZBC: ___Yes ___No

Relationship to applicant: _____

Character Reference