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*The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.  
Proverbs 18:15*

# **Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Educational Incentive Program**

## **EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT:**

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On April 20, 2011, these guidelines were approved by the Pastor and the Deacons' Ministry.

## **WATTS SCHOLARS MINISTRY PURPOSE**

The W a t t s S c h o l a r s Ministry provides incentives to Watts Chapel youth to continue their education beyond High School so that they can develop skills to be productive members of the Community and the Church.

## 1. Types of Scholarships

There are four scholarships available to Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church members who are current high school graduates. All applicants will be eligible to receive any of the scholarships listed below. Each scholarship has a separate application form and criteria.

### Watts Chapel Scholarship

- Base Scholarship (\$750) and Additional Funds (maximum of \$750)

### Queen Lewis Weaver Academic Excellence Scholarship (\$1000)

- Recognizes the student with the highest Grade Point Average (GPA). Minimum 3.5 GPA

### Wright Agency Achievement Scholarship (\$1000)

- Awarded to a young male member with the highest GPA that will attend a four year institution, community college or trade school.

### DesChamps Achievement Scholarship (\$500)

- Awarded to a young male member for academic achievement and pursuit of a bachelor's degree in business administration. Minimum 3.5 GPA.

## 2. Watts Chapel Scholarship Guidelines

### Scholarship Components

The Watts Chapel Scholarship has two components

- Base Scholarship
- Additional Funds

### Base Scholarship

Each graduate is eligible to receive the Base Scholarship award of \$750. The scholarship is given to a current high school graduate who will attend a four year institution or Technical or Community College. No specific church activity is required.

## **Additional Funds Component**

Provided based on weighted criteria for:

- Academics - maximum 50 points
- Church Involvement -maximum 60 points
- School Activities - maximum 20 points
- Community Activities - maximum 20 points

There is a maximum of 150 Points that can be accumulated which will determine the additional amount awarded. A student can potentially receive an additional award amount up to \$750 or more subject to the availability of funds in the church budget.

Scholarship applications should include enough detail to describe the graduate's involvement in the above four areas.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a current High School Graduate
- Must be a Member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for a minimum of six months following receipt of the Right Hand of Fellowship
- Must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by April 30th. The application is found on the church website [www.wattschapel.org/scholarship](http://www.wattschapel.org/scholarship)

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 30TH AT 11:59 PM.**

## **Recognition**

Scholarships will be awarded at the June Baccalaureate Worship Celebration.

## **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Rules**

NCAA prohibits, among other things, prospective student athletes from receiving (1) financial aid other than that administered by the institution or (2) financial aid for post-graduate education. If a graduate has accepted a Scholarship that falls under the NCAA rules, the graduate must provide a letter from the College or Institution's Compliance Office to determine if the student may receive any Watts Chapel Scholarship funds.

## **Disbursements**

Scholarship funds are forwarded directly to the University, Technical or Community College upon verification by the Watts Scholars Ministry that the Graduate has been accepted at the Institution.

For special circumstances, deviation from this Policy will be considered on a case-by- case basis with the approval of the Senior Pastor and Deacons. For instance, the recipient may request that funds be sent directly to him or her.

Graduates have two years from the date the scholarship is awarded to claim scholarship money.

Disbursement of scholarship awards is subject to availability of funds in church budget.

### **3. Education Assistance Program (Watts Chapel Members)**

The Education Assistance Program is available to Watts Chapel Members to help with continuing educational expenses (such as books, internships, meal plans, etc.) based on a demonstrated need.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
- Must be attending either a four-year Institution or a Technical or Community College
- Must submit a letter of request and include the following:
  - Amount of funds
  - Reason for funds
  - Describe the level of need and family contribution
  - List other resources that have been pursued

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Must show a need based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as it relates to resources to cover expenses associated with continuing the college educational experience

#### **Funding Amount**

Determined on a case-by-case basis

## **Disbursements**

- Scholarship funds are forwarded directly to the University, Technical or Community College upon verification by the Watts Scholars Ministry that the recipient is still matriculating at an Institution.
- For special circumstances, deviation from this Policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Senior Pastor and Deacons. For instance, the Recipient may request that funds be sent directly to him or her.
- If approved, the Watts Scholars Ministry will provide a copy of the approval letter to the recipient's parents.
- Disbursement of Education Assistance Program money is subject to availability of funds in the church budget.

### **4. Outreach Scholarship Program (Non-Watts Chapel Members)**

- The Outreach Scholarship Program is available to current High School graduates who are continuing their education beyond High School to develop skills to be productive members of the Community.
- Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a current High School Graduate
- Must not be a member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
- Must complete and submit the Scholarship Application by the deadline (April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 pm)

### **Scholarship Criteria**

Must plan to attend either a four-year Institution or a Technical or Community College

### **Character References**

Must provide 3 letters of reference from School, Church, and/or a Community Organization

## Disbursements

Scholarship funds are forwarded directly to the University, Technical or Community College upon verification by the Watts Scholars Ministry that the Graduate has been accepted at the Institution.

For special circumstances, deviation from this Policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Senior Pastor and Deacons. For instance, the Recipient may request that funds be sent directly to him or her.

If approved, the Watts Scholars Ministry will provide a copy of the approval letter to the Recipient's Parents.

Disbursement of Scholarships money is subject to availability of funds in Church Budget.

## 5. Member-Established Scholarship Guidelines

### A. Member-Established Scholarships

*There are three Member-Established Scholarships.*

**Queen Lewis Weaver Academic Excellence Scholarship:** Recognizes the student with the highest Grade Point Average (GPA). Scholarship award is \$1000. Minimum GPA 3.5

**Wright Agency Achievement Scholarship:** Awarded to a young male member with the highest GPA that will attend a four year institution, community college, or trade school. The scholarship award is \$1,000.

**DesChamps Academic Achievement Scholarship:** Awarded to a young male member for academic achievement and pursuit of a bachelor's degree in business administration. Minimum GPA 3.5. The scholarship award is \$500.

### B. Establishing an Endowed Scholarship

These guidelines provide the criteria to establish either a Non-Endowed Scholarship or a Permanent Endowed Scholarship.

#### 1. Named Non-Endowed Scholarships

To establish a Named Non-Endowed Scholarship for a specified period of time, Watts Chapel receives and invests the funds on behalf of the Scholarship Sponsor. The principal and interest are used to fund the Scholarship. For example, if the Scholarship Sponsor wants to establish a \$1,000 Non-endowed Scholarship for one

year, the \$1,000 and any interest earned would be used to fund the Scholarship for that year.

- a. The amount must be \$500 or more per year for at least four years.
- b. The Scholarship Sponsor:
  - May assign a specific name to a Scholarship made (1) in honor or memory of Family Member, (2) to honor a company or non-profit organization, (3) to recognize a specific Church Program, or (4) for some other purpose
  - Must specify if the funds will be submitted annually or in a lump sum payment.
  - Must specify whether the Scholarship Criteria is based on academics, gender, church involvement, extracurricular activities, financial need, essay and/or character reference requirements, or some other criteria.
  - Must establish the eligibility criteria for the recipient to include, at a minimum, whether the recipient is a current high school graduate or a student currently enrolled in a College, University, Community or Technical College
  - Must specify whether the funds should be submitted to the Student or the Educational Institution
- c. Scholarship Recipient must be a member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. The Recipient cannot be an immediate family member of the Scholarship Sponsor.

## **2. Permanent Endowed Scholarship**

To establish a Permanent Endowed Scholarship, Watts Chapel receives and invests the funds on behalf of the Scholarship Sponsor. Only the interest received on the investment is used for the Scholarship. For example, if the Scholarship Sponsor wants to establish a \$25,000 Permanent Endowed Scholarship, the \$25,000 would be invested and only the interest earned would be used for the Scholarship on a yearly basis.

- a. The Amount must yield sufficient funds to grant a \$500 scholarship per year and must be funded for at least four years.
- b. The Scholarship Sponsor:
  - May assign a specific name to a Scholarship made (1) in honor or memory of family member, (2) to honor a company or non-profit organization, (3) to recognize a specific Church Program, or (4) for some other purpose.



- Must specify if the funds will be submitted annually or in a lump sum payment.
  - Must specify whether the Scholarship Criteria is based on academics, gender, church involvement, extracurricular activities, financial need, essay and/or character reference requirements, or some other criteria.
  - Must establish the eligibility criteria for the recipient to include, at a minimum, whether the recipient is a current high school graduate or a student currently enrolled in a College, University, Community or Technical College.
  - Must specify whether the funds should be submitted to the Student or the Educational Institution.
- c. Scholarship Recipient must be a member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. The Recipient cannot be an immediate family member of the Scholarship Sponsor.

### **C. Contributions**

Contributions towards Endowed and Non-Endowed Scholarships can be made by anyone at any time and for any amount.

### **D. Member-Established Scholarship Request Form**

Watts Chapel Members who are interested in establishing new Member-Established Scholarships must submit the **Member-Established Scholarship Request Form** located at [www.wattschapel.org](http://www.wattschapel.org) to the Scholarship Ministry. The Scholarship Ministry will contact the Scholarship Sponsor to discuss the proposed request. Should there be any questions, please contact Adrienne Cromwell, Academic Enrichment and Scholarship Ministry Leader.

## Watts Chapel Member-Established Scholarship Request

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach historical information on Honoree, if applicable)

**Scholarship Cause or Specific Purpose** (Describe what you want to recognize or celebrate)

**Funding** (Payment due no later than March 31 of year scholarship awarded)

Amount of Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Future Funding \_\_\_\_\_

(minimum \$500 per year)

(minimum 4 years)

Funds to be submitted: Yearly  2-5 years in advance  Endowed

**Scholarship Recipient Criteria** (indicate where specific criteria must be met or is applicable)

Watts Member  Male  Female  Current HS Grad  Currently in College

Major \_\_\_\_\_ College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted Criteria (Distribute 100 points across the various criteria)

Criteria	Weighted Value	Minimum Acceptable
Academics		GPA
Ministry Involvement		
Community Involvement		
Extra Curricular Activities		
References		
Essays		
Employment		
Financial Need		
Other		
Total should add up to 100		





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