

Watts Scholarship Info Session

WATTS SCHOLARS MINISTRY
FEBRUARY 27, 2022



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Types of Scholarships

- ▶ There are 5 scholarships available to Watts Chapel members
 - ▶ Watts Chapel Scholarship
 - ▶ Base Scholarship - \$750
 - ▶ Additional Funds - \$750 (maximum)
 - ▶ Queen Lewis Weaver Scholarship
 - ▶ Awarded to female with the highest GPA. \$1000
 - ▶ Wright Agency Achievement Scholarship
 - ▶ Awarded to male with the highest GPA. \$1000
 - ▶ DesChamps Achievement Scholarship
 - ▶ Awarded to male member pursuing a Business Administration major. \$500



Types of Scholarships (cont'd)

▶ Burt's Bees Scholarship

- ▶ Awarded to two members that will major in Social Sciences (anthropology, sociology, political science, economics geography environmental science, education, linguistics, history, international relations, law, psychology), Allied Health Sciences, Social Work, Nursing
- ▶ Students must have community service, volunteerism, and/or school activities
- ▶ Minimum GPA 2.75
- ▶ Each scholarship award is \$750
- ▶ Applicants are required to complete the essay section of the application
 - ▶ Responding to the following prompt:
 - ▶ “Why is a college education important to your future aspirations and the Body of Christ , the Church?”



Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ Must be a HS senior
- ▶ Must be a member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
 - ▶ Minimum of six months
 - ▶ Must have completed the New Members Orientation on/or before Oct 31, 2021
- ▶ Must plan to attend a 4- year college/university or a community/technical college
- ▶ Must complete and submit the scholarship application by April 15, 2022 at 11:59pm



Scholarship Guidelines

- ▶ Base Scholarship (\$750)
 - ▶ Each HS senior will receive base scholarship award amount
 - ▶ Complete the basic information section only
 - ▶ No church service, community service or GPA required



Scholarship Guideline (cont'd)

- ▶ Additional Funds Component (maximum \$750)
 - ▶ Maximum of 200 points can be received in the following areas:
 - ▶ Academics – maximum 70 pts
 - ▶ Must submit a HS transcript with cumulative GPA
 - ▶ Unofficial transcripts will be accepted
 - ▶ Watts Chapel Church Involvement – maximum 60 pts
 - ▶ School Activities – maximum 30 pts
 - ▶ Community Activities – maximum 30 pts
 - ▶ Essay – maximum 20 pts (600-750 words)



Essay Prompts

- ▶ Applicants will select one of the following:
 - ▶ 1. How will your Christian faith impact your college experience?
 - ▶ 2. Why is a college education important to your future aspirations and the Body of Christ, the Church?
 - ▶ Required prompt for the Burt's Bees Scholarship



Scholarship Guidelines (cont'd)

- ▶ Members Established Scholarship
 - ▶ Queen Lewis Weaver Scholarship (\$1000)
 - ▶ Wright Agency Achievement Scholarship (\$1000)
 - ▶ DesChamps Academic Achievement Scholarship (\$500)
 - ▶ Minimum GPA 3.5
- ▶ Special Organization Scholarship
 - ▶ Burt's Bees Scholarship (2 awards – \$750 each)
 - ▶ Minimum GPA 2.75
- ▶ Applicants must select the scholarship preference(s) he/she wants to be considered on the first page of the scholarship application



Outreach Scholarship

- ▶ Eligibility requirements
 - ▶ Current HS senior
 - ▶ Not a member of Watts Chapel
 - ▶ Must reside in one of the following counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Wake
 - ▶ Must complete the scholarship application by April 15, 2022
 - ▶ Select Outreach Scholarship as scholarship preference



Scholarship Disbursement

- ▶ Recipients have 2 years from the date the scholarship is awarded to claim scholarship funds
- ▶ Scholarship funds are sent directly to the institution upon the request of the recipient.
 - ▶ Recipients are required to submit the disbursement form to DeLois McKinney in the Stewardship Office, stewardship@wattschapel.org



Baccalaureate Ceremony

- ▶ To be held on Sunday June 12, 2022
- ▶ Recipients will receive their award letters at the ceremony
- ▶ Ceremony registration May 1- 31,2022
- ▶ Due to the pandemic the ceremony logistics are still being finalized



Dates to Remember

- ▶ Scholarship Application available - Tuesday March 1, 2022
 - ▶ Application located on the church website www.wattschapel.org in the "Ministries" section under "Children & Youth."
- ▶ Scholarship Application deadline - Friday April 15 at 11:59pm
- ▶ Baccalaureate Ceremony Registration – May 1-31, 2022
- ▶ Baccalaureate Ceremony – Sunday June 12, 2022



Application Reminders

- ▶ Submit your application by the deadline
- ▶ Late applications will not be accepted
- ▶ Make sure your application is complete
 - ▶ Including HS transcripts
- ▶ Follow all application instructions
 - ▶ Especially for the essay
- ▶ Make sure to select the Member Sponsored Scholarship you wish to be considered
- ▶ Proofread your application to avoid any mistakes



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QUESTIONS

