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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 Watts Scholars 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 Body of Christ.

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## 1. Types of Scholarships

There are four scholarships available to Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church members who are current high school seniors. 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)

- Awarded to a female student with the highest-Grade Point Average (GPA) that will attend a four-year institution, community college or trade school. Minimum GPA of 3.5 is required.

### 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 GPA of 3.5 is required.

## 2. Watts Chapel Scholarship Guidelines

### Scholarship Components

The Watts Chapel Scholarship has two components

- Base Scholarship
- Additional Funds

### Base Scholarship

Each high school senior is eligible to receive the Base Scholarship award of \$750. The scholarship is given to current high school seniors who will attend a four-year institution or Technical or Community College. No church activity, community service or GPA is required.

## **Additional Funds Component**

Provided based on weighted criteria for:

- Academics - maximum 60 points
- Church Involvement -maximum 60 points
- School Activities - maximum 30 points
- Community Activities - maximum 30 points
- Essay – maximum 20 points (600-750 words)

There is a maximum of 200 Points that can be accumulated which will determine the additional amount awarded. A student can potentially receive an additional award amount up to \$750.

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

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a current high school senior
- 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 receive Right Hand of Fellowship on or before August)
- Must complete and submit a Scholarship Application **by April 15<sup>th</sup>**. The application is found on the church website [www.wattschapel.org](http://www.wattschapel.org) in the "Ministries" section under "Children & Youth."

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:59 PM.**

## **Recognition**

Scholarships will be awarded at the June Baccalaureate Worship Celebration, to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June (June 25).

## **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 recipient has been accepted to 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.

Recipients 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 seniors who are continuing their education beyond high school to develop skills to be productive members of the Community.
- Two (2) scholarships will be awarded. The award amounts will be \$500-\$750.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a current high school senior
- Must not be a member of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
- Must reside in the following counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Wake
- Must complete and submit the Scholarship Application by the deadline (April 30<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 2 letters of reference from School, Church, and/or a Community Organization

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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 female student with the highest GPA. Minimum GPA of 3.5 is required. The scholarship award is \$1000.

**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 of 3.5 is required. The scholarship award is \$500.



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