

Tabernacle Baptist Church
519 West 19th Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28052

Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor



TBC Legacy & Founder's Scholarship Application
for Year 2026-2027

MERIT CALCULATIONS CHECKLIST FORM

(Please place a check beside the following items once you have completed the task)

- o Application Form (max 5 points)
- o Acceptance Letter (max 5 points)
- o Transcript(s):
 - Cumulative GPA point system is as follows:
 - 4.00-3.75 (25 points)
 - 3.74-3.50 (20 points)
 - 3.49-3.00 (15 points)
 - 2.99-2.60 (10 points)
 - 2.59-2.50 (5 points)
- o Essay (300 words min - 500 max) (max 10 points)
- o 1 Recommendation Letters (see details on page 4) (max 10 points)
- o List of Church Involvement (max 45 points)

Your church involvement **should be current work** that you are doing at the church. A **ministry leader must confirm with signature** for each occurrence.

ALL ITEMS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE
APPLICATION DEADLINE OF **April 30, 2026**.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WITH ALL NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

FAILURE TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS CAN RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church Scholarship
Guidelines

Effective April 2026

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The Initiative: The Tabernacle Baptist Church Scholarship is a merit based scholarship for students who demonstrate strong academic achievement and have an official transcript with a GPA of 2.5 or higher during the application process. This scholarship was established to provide funding for the undergraduate student, enrolled in a first-time two-year or four-year degree-seeking program. The scholarship is designed to (1) encourage intellectual growth and continued education, (2) motivate students to their fullest potential and (3) assist students who are members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church with financial advancement to the higher institute of learning of their choice. The scholarship totals will be divided among the applicants in accordance with merit.

Eligibility Criteria: Students must be active members of Tabernacle Baptist Church for a period of one year prior to the application process and be enrolled in a **first-time two-year or four-year degree program at the college level.** The scholarship will be awarded to (1) high school graduates who have been accepted at the college or university of their choice or (2) college students who are enrolled at an institution of higher learning that extends beyond a two-year course of study.

Selection Process: The selection process will be completed within three phases. Within each phase, a candidate's progression will be determined by the candidate's ability to meet the specified criteria at each phase. Criteria for selection will also be based on whether the student has been a member at Tabernacle Baptist Church for a period of at least one year. Selection is made after all information has been verified. The amount of funds will be distributed to each qualified applicant according to the point system aforementioned on the Merit Calculations Checklist Form as well as the Interview.

Application Material: Each student must submit one original and/or professional copy of the following materials, **organized in the order below:**

- a) Application Form
- b) Copy of Acceptance Letter from college of choice on school letterhead (for high school students only)
- c) Official high school **and/or** college transcript with Fall 2025 grades and Spring 2026 schedule in a sealed envelope
- d) Personal Statement about yourself expressing your ambitions and educational goals and how that goal relates to the purpose of this scholarship
- e) Type a 300-500 word essay addressing the topic: What do you consider the single most important societal problem? Why? (Please show word count at the top or bottom of the page and also make sure that your name is on your essay)
- f) Two (1) letter of recommendation from someone outside of your family structure with at least one being a teacher, church or community leader.

g) Give complete details about your current church involvement and activities (page 7 of this application). The Ministry leader must confirm with a signature on each area of accomplishment

**The Tabernacle Baptist Church
Scholarship for Merit
Application**

(Undergraduate Student Enrolled in a First-time Two or Four-Year Degree Program)

2-Year College

4-Year College

Full Name:

_____ Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI

Phone: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

If you are a recent high school graduate, where did you graduate?

_____ Name of High School

Address of High School City State Zip

Have you been accepted to a college/university? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, where?

Are you currently enrolled in college? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, where

_____ If yes, date enrolled

*** Must have been accepted to an Accredited Undergraduate Program for the fall term of the current calendar year.**
List occupations and/or majors you are considering. (You may indicate one or more interests):

Current Status (check one): () Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior Major:

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Home Telephone: (____)

Your Permanent Address:

_____ Street /Route City State Zip Area Code/Phone

Your Current Mailing Address:

_____ Street/Route City State Zip Area Code/Phone

Parent/Guardian or Spouse's Name:

_____ Last First Middle Relationship

Address:

_____ Street/Route City State Zip Area Code/Phone

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date of Application: _____

Final Approval by Pastor:

_____ Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor Date

TBC Scholarship Application Request for Ministry Involvement

Name of Applicant: _____

Please list your current church involvement below:

Church Ministry	Specific Involvement	Length of Service	Ministry Leader Signature verifying ministry participation	Current location of Ministry	Pastor of Church
Example: Trustee Ministry	Member	2 years	Bro. Ronald Williams	Tabernacle Baptist Church	Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Youth Choir	Alto Singer	4 months	Sis. Mary Banks	Reach Out Covenant Ministries 2521 Gainesville Street	Rev. Joe Banks

				<i>Clanton, NC 12345</i>	