



## BRIEF OVERVIEW

Bethany Baptist Church of Houston annually presents an opportunity to qualifying student-members pursuing higher education (college, university, or vocational school) a minimum scholarship award of \$250 (maximum of \$2,000) through the Bethany Scholarship Fund Award (BSFA). The BSFA was created and has been managed by the College Ministry Team since 1997.

All hopeful applicants must submit a completed application form with all required materials by the published deadline. An ad hoc Committee facilitates the processes of screening, interviewing and rating the applicant to determine the scholarship award amount. Correspondence will be sent via email to inform applicants of their status throughout the process. Award letters are presented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

### THE APPLICANT MUST:

- Be a member of Bethany Baptist Church of Houston and an active participant in, at least, two (2) church ministries, auxiliaries, and/or committees. (CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION WILL BE VERIFIED.)
- Submit enrollment documentation and be in good standing each year they desire to be considered. (ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION INCLUDES OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS, FEE RECEIPTS, ETC.)
- Submit a picture with each application. (PICTURE WILL LIKELY BE DISPLAYED DURING WORSHIP SERVICE ON GRADUATION SUNDAY.)
- (First-time applicants) must supply a typed, double-spaced 250-word essay. (SEE PAGE 2 FOR ESSAY TOPICS. DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED.)
- Return the application and other required materials by the published deadline: **APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- Be interviewed by the ad hoc Scholarship Committee. (AN INTERVIEW IS SCHEDULED ONCE AN APPLICANT HAS RETURNED THE COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BY THE PUBLISHED DEADLINE.)

## UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

### THE APPLICANT MUST:

- Undergraduate applicants must be enrolled in full-time course study; a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours.
- Graduate applicants will be processed on an individual basis.
- Be active with a local church body or service organization. A letter of acknowledgement from the church or organization should be submitted along with the application for student-members pursuing higher education away from home.



## ACCESS TO THE APPLICATION

Applicants may retrieve the Bethany Scholarship application from the church website at [www.bethany1925.com](http://www.bethany1925.com) every March or request a printed form provided through the church office.

## ESSAY TOPICS

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS MUST CHOOSE ONE TOPIC AND SUBMIT THE ESSAY WITH THE APPLICATION.

**1** Who is someone you look up to, and how have they impacted your life for godliness?

**3** What are two life experiences that have helped you learn to trust the Lord Jesus Christ above all else?

**2** Sometimes God says no. What is your response, and why?

**4** You will experience adversity. How have you chosen to respond, and why?

## 2025 DEADLINE

THE APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS  
AND/OR MATERIALS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE:

**APRIL 4, 2025**

## RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

TWO (2) WAYS TO SUBMIT THE  
BETHANY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS:

### ELECTRONIC

[info@bethany1925.com](mailto:info@bethany1925.com)

### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Attn: College Ministry Team  
Bethany Baptist Church of Houston  
7304 Homestead Road  
Houston, TX 77028

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE & INFORMATION

A checklist is included in the Bethany Scholarship application packet to help applicants keep track of all required documents.

After an applicant applies all communication regarding its status will be sent directly to the applicant email address provided in the application.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions concerning the application, requirements, scholarship process, and/or for accommodations, contact a College Ministry Team representative by emailing us at [info@bethany1925.com](mailto:info@bethany1925.com) or calling our church office at 713-633-4831. Please allow 24-48 hours for follow-up.



\*\*\* *This checklist is not a requirement of the Bethany Scholarship Application.* \*\*\*

## TIP SHEET

Use the information provided below to assist with completing all necessary submission requirements for the Bethany scholarship application for 2025 – 2026 academic year. There is additional information provided regarding preparation for attending public (and some private) institutions of higher learning in the state of Texas.

## MY CHECKLIST

- Completed scholarship application form
- Graduation picture (official high school transcript, college transcript, fee receipt)
- Proof of enrollment (official high school transcript, college transcript, fee receipt)
- 250-word essay (First-time applicants only)
- Letter of acknowledgement (for applicants pursuing studies away from home)

## COLLEGE PREP TIPS

### TRY COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL

There are many ways to try and even earn college credits in high school – dual credit, dual enrollment, [AP](#), [IB](#). Make sure you understand the difference and how those credits will help you toward your desired degree program.

### COMPARE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Tools like [College Scorecard](#) and [Compare College TX](#) help you compare colleges based on things like cost and graduation rate. They will help you find affordable options and make sure you invest wisely. Visit [texasoncourse.org](http://texasoncourse.org)

Tour a few university and college campuses at your earliest convenience during the week to get a feel of the campus culture.

You have worked for years to get the grades and extracurriculars for your top choice schools. Make sure your scores are as awesome as you are with preparation materials.

### APPLY TO YOUR CHOICE OF SCHOOLS

Apply to all Texas two- and four-year public, and some private, schools with this streamlined application: [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)



DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE.**

- New Applicant.** *A student-member who has never been awarded a Bethany Scholarship is considered a new applicant.* I understand I must complete all sections of the scholarship application.
  
- Return Applicant.** *A student-member who has completed the process and been awarded a Bethany Scholarship in a previous year is considered a return applicant.* I understand I must only complete the following sections of the application: I, II, IV, V, VI, and VII. I must also provide a copy of my most recent semester grades.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION (PRINT ONLY)**

**Section I**

**Student-Member**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	SUFFIX (Sr., Jr., II, III, etc.)
BIRTH DATE	EMAIL ADDRESS		
ADDRESS		APT	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	

**Parents/Guardians**

NAME OF FATHER/GUARDIAN	NAME OF MOTHER/GUARDIAN
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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION (PRINT ONLY)**

**Section II**

CURRENT SCHOOL/COLLEGE	GRADUATION DATE
RANK	GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

**Honors/Awards**

Please list at least two (2) honors/awards you have received and their dates below.

HONOR/AWARD	DATE RECEIVED
HONOR/AWARD	DATE RECEIVED

**Section III**

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SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

CITY/STATE

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(ANTICIPATED) MAJOR

(ANTICIPATED) MINOR

**Short Answer (Please answer below in complete sentences.)**

Why have you chosen to attend this school?

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**Section IV**

**Financial Awards**

Please list below all financial awards and assistance you have received to aid in your pursuit of higher education.

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NAME OF FINANCIAL AWARD

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**Section V**

**Short Answer (Please answer below in complete sentences.)**

If all your school expenses were covered, and in addition you were awarded the Bethany Scholarship, would you be willing to give your portion of the award to help someone else who did not have the financial means and desired to attend school?

Why, or why not?

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**Section VI**

**Short Answer (Please answer below in complete sentences.)**

What are your academic goals and aspirations?

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**Section VII**

**Short Answer (Please answer below in complete sentences.)**

In the space provided below, please provide your profession of faith.

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**CERTIFICATION**

Read the following statements carefully and indicate your understanding and acceptance by signing your name into the space provided.

1. I certify that all information provided by me in connection with my application, whether in this document or not, is true and complete, and I understand that any misstatement, falsification, or omission of information may be grounds for refusal of award.
  
2. I authorize any persons or organization referenced in this application to give you all information concerning my education, awards, and any other information they might have, personal or otherwise, regarding any of the subjects covered by this application, and I release all such parties from all liability from any damages which may result from furnishing such information to you.

Your signature indicates your application is complete and ready to be evaluated by the ad hoc Scholarship Committee. Do not include your signature until you have completed all required sections of the application.

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