

**Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church  
Graduation-Scholarship Ministry**



***2024 Scholarship Application Packet***

**Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church Scholarship  
*Smith Funeral Home Scholarship  
The R.E.D. Scholarship***

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**2024 Scholarship Criteria**

- A completed application typed or handwritten in blue or black ink.
- A minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- A copy of the official high school transcript.
- An active member of Bethel Metropolitan graduating from high school at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Must have established membership by December 31, 2023.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** One (1) letter must come from a high school teacher, counselor, or administrator, and one (1) letter from a member of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church. All letters of recommendation must come from **non-family members**.
- A one (1) page essay, describing the value and importance of education, and your plans after high school. Please include career plans and any other pertinent information.
- Acceptance into a postsecondary institution by the Fall 2024 semester (August/September). Will be verified by an *official class schedule*.

**After meeting eligible criteria for the Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church scholarship, you may also be eligible for one or more of the scholarships below:**

- **Smith Funeral Home Scholarship:** Must declare a major in one of the sciences and have earned a minimum grade of "B" in all high school science courses.
- **The R.E.D. Scholarship:** Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA and submit a 500 word essay: Topic "How will your education help you service the community?"
- The application, essay and supporting documents (transcript copy and two letters of recommendation) must be delivered to the church office by **May 5, 2024** in a sealed envelope addressed to the Graduation and Scholarship Ministry.
- The Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church Scholarship is distributed in the Fall (August) and Spring (January) semesters. Sponsored scholarships are issued at the designated time established by the Sponsor.

**Completed application, essays, letters of recommendation, and copy of transcript must be enclosed in a sealed envelope for the application to be considered complete.** *Applications that meet requirements and are received by the May 5th deadline will be reviewed by the Graduation-Scholarship Ministry.*

**The Application Packet must be received before or by May 5, 2024. If the application and supporting documents are not received by the submission deadline, the application will NOT be eligible for review in the Scholarship selection process.**

**ALL ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED, DOUBLE SPACED, 12 FONT**

**Scholarship Ministry**  
Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Bethel Metropolitan Scholarship Application

(Please complete in blue or black ink only. Print or typewritten below).

**Postmark Deadline: May 5, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Technical Institute Planning to Attend : \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major :

**I am applying for the following additional scholarships:**

Smith Funeral Home Scholarship

The R.E.D. Scholarship

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A. Please list the ministries in which you have been involved at Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church:

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B. Please list your community/volunteer service and/or extracurricular activities:

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**Attach two (2) letters of recommendation:** One (1) letter must come from a teacher, counselor, or administrator from your high school, and one (1) letter from a member of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church. *All letters of recommendation must come from non-family members.*

Please provide a one (1) page essay, describing the value and importance of education, and your plans after high school. Please include career plans, and any other pertinent information.

Please include a copy of your official high school transcript.