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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
**Scholarship Fund**  
Scholarship Application

*Deadline for submitting applications: Friday, December 10, 2021*

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### MLK Mission Statement

The primary activities and purpose of The Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Ministry of Zion Baptist Church are:

- To sustain the memory of the contributions Dr. King made to God's ministry and to all mankind.
- To provide a forum in which our children and youth can expose their talents and gifts.
- To engage in activities that will aid in the educational development of our children and youth.
- To identify fundraising initiatives that will help support the scholarship fund.
- To award scholarships to students for the pursuit of higher education.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

There are four different scholarships that are awarded by the MLK Ministry through Zion Baptist Church. They include:

*The Academic Scholarship Award*  
*The Academic Achievement Award*  
*The Academic Challenge Award*  
*The Georgene Burke Community Service Award*

#### The Academic Scholarship Award

- The initial amount of this award is \$1,000. Thereafter, based on grades, the amount can be either \$750 or \$400, per semester, totaling up to \$7,000 for up to 4 years of college. There are no awards for summer school.
- In order to qualify for this full scholarship, you must be accepted to a college/university and your cumulative average in high school must round to 80 or above. If the rounded average falls below 80, the applicant does not qualify for the full scholarship. All rounding would go to the nearest tenth.
- Students with IEP's who have a cumulative average of 75 and above in high school and have demonstrated participation in Zion Baptist Church Ministries would also qualify for the full scholarship. All rounding would go to the nearest tenth.
- If you are a recipient of this scholarship, the college/university semester awards will be based on your Grade Point Average (GPA), as such:
  - 2.90 – 4.00 would receive the semester award of \$750.00
  - 2.00 – 2.89 would receive the semester award of \$400.00

#### The Academic Achievement Award

- This award is a one-time lump sum amount of \$750.00.
- This award is for students who were accepted to a college/university and has a cumulative rounded average in high school of at least a 70 to receive the award. All rounding would go to the nearest tenth.

### **The Academic Challenge Award**

- This award is a one-time lump sum amount of \$400.00
- This award is for students who were accepted to a college/university, but the cumulative rounded average in high school falls below 70. All rounding would go to the nearest tenth.

### **The Georgene Burke Community Service Award**

- In collaboration with the Missionary Ministry, this award is a one-time lump sum amount of \$500.00 provided by the family/friends of the late Ms. Georgene Burke.
- This award is for students who were accepted to a college/university and has demonstrated outstanding community service.
- Applicants must write an essay on the **importance of community service and how it has changed your life, along with how your specific involvement has benefited the lives of others.**

*Please note that all scholarships are based on funding and availability. The award amount may vary depending on funding.*

# Letter of Instruction

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Congratulations on your impending graduation! You have reached a very important milestone and we are proud of you. Now that you are about to embark on a new journey in your life--College, continue to make wise and Godly choices, strive for excellence, DREAM big and keep HOPE alive! We encourage you to apply for the MLK Academic Scholarship fund in order to help offset some of your tuition costs. This letter will serve as an instruction letter to the application process. This is a very important part of being a recipient of the MLK Scholarship fund. **So, please take this seriously: complete all necessary documents as required, be timely and be professional and neat in your writing.** Please submit the enclosed application form, along with the following information:

1. Submit two (2) **signed** letters of recommendation from an educator (i.e., teacher, school counselor/advisor, principal).
2. If you have been involved in the community, please submit **signed** verification letter(s) detailing community service performed on letterhead of community service organization.
3. Please submit an outline of any extra-curricular activities, honors and awards, offices and positions of leadership held, school activities, volunteer experience, special recognition, etc.).
4. Submit your official school transcript and most recent report card, as soon as it is available.
5. Submit your letter of acceptance from the college/university which you will attend, as soon as it is available. It is imperative that you submit this letter, prior to receiving any monies of the MLK scholarship. If we do not get this letter before the first semester of college begins, we will have no alternative but to rescind the scholarship.
6. Must submit the required essay (no more than two pages, double spaced and typed).

We trust that you will adhere to all of the instructions for the application process. If you have any questions or concerns, or need assistance with this process, please don't hesitate to contact Linda Campbell-Fleet at (917) 860-5557 or e-mail at [LFleet7@gmail.com](mailto:LFleet7@gmail.com). You may also reach out to any member of the MLK Ministry.

To God Be the Glory for the great things that he has done and will continue to do!

Sincerely,

MLK Ministry

Zion Baptist Church  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School and address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal or Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number where this person can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ & Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If available, please name the college you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state your career interest and aspirations:

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In your own words on a separate sheet of paper, please address the following question in a clear, neat and professional format. It must be no more than two (typed and double-spaced) pages – 10pt. font preferred. This essay will be judged based on content, relevance, originality, grammatical accuracy, and professionalism (neatness and organization).

***How do you envision yourself fulfilling the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? Include from your perspective the importance of the American Civil Rights Movement and the series of non-violent protests and marches to end racial discrimination. Please make mention of Dr. King's faith in Jesus Christ as exhibited in many of his speeches.***

I certify that the information that I have provided on this application, including additional required documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Office of the Registrar to release my academic information to the MLK Scholarship Ministry of Zion Baptist Church. I give permission for the MLK Scholarship Ministry to release information about myself if I am awarded a scholarship based on this application.

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Incomplete and late applications will not be considered**

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Please mail the signed and completed application no later than Friday, December 4, 2020 to:

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Attn: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Ministry

***Envelopes must be postmarked on or before December 4, 2020***