

Pine Hill Baptist Church Scholarship

Administered by

The First Baptist Church of East Aurora

591 Porterville Road, East Aurora, New York 14052

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BACKGROUND: This scholarship was established in 1998 through a donation from the Pine Hill Baptist Church, Cheektowaga, New York. It was the wish of the congregation of that church that a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their church property be used to continue the ministry of the Pine Hill Baptist Church by providing financial gifts to area students.

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this gift is to provide funds to a college student to help meet expenses associated with higher education.

Students will be selected based upon their commitment to church and the community rather than academic accomplishments. Young people who demonstrate a strong faith and sense of community should be recognized.

A single award will be made each school year. The minimum amount of this gift has been set at \$1000.00. Payment to the recipient will be made with two draws each academic year prior to the start of the fall semester and winter/spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS: Recipient must be a resident of New York State and a church member (membership to The First Baptist Church of East Aurora is not required) who has demonstrated his or her active involvement with their church and community. Applicants must be planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited college as a full-time student and maintain a passing average.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT: Applicants must complete an application form. Applications are available after February 1st. Applications and all requested information must be returned by May 1, 2021. Applications received after this deadline will be disqualified from consideration.

Applicants may be asked to meet with the nominating committee. Recipients of this gift will be asked to attend a presentation during the worship service at The First Baptist Church of East Aurora.

Any questions concerning the application process should be directed to the Scholastic Committee at The First Baptist Church of East Aurora.

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A scholastic gift of \$1000.00 will be awarded to one student who is accepted to attend a two-year or four-year accredited college. **This gift has been made possible by a gift of the members of the Pine Hill Baptist Church.**

This scholastic gift will be awarded to a male or female student without regard to age or race. Candidates must be a NYS resident, maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher, attend as a full time student, and be active in the church of their choice. This gift will be awarded based upon desire, ambition, church involvement and need.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

School: _____ Grade Point Average: _____ Grade: _____

College attending: _____ Annual Tuition: _____

Include residential fees if you will be dorming

Jobs held or other activities during the past 2 years: _____

Church Membership: _____ Church Phone No.: _____

Pastor or Youth Leader: _____ May we contact him or her: _____

List school clubs for last 3 years: _____

List sports for the last 3 years: _____

Volunteer Service: In what community and/or charity events have you volunteered your time? Attach separate sheets if necessary

Church Participation: Briefly describe your church participation and attendance over the past 3 years)

Children under 21 in family: _____ Family members in college: _____

Please explain any special needs or extenuating circumstances that should be considered:

(For example, age or physical disability): _____

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How will you pay for college expenses?

Please provide your best estimate of the source of your funds for your college tuition:

Family contributions: (list total parental contributions even if the parent is not living with you) _____

Student Savings: _____

Student Employment:
(include employment income and/or planned work study) _____

Scholarship from college: _____

Other Scholarships or grants: _____

Student Loan: _____

NYS TAP Award: _____

Other: _____

TOTAL: (this should equal tuition shown on page 1) _____

Additional Information:

Please provide the following information and documents when submitting this application.

Applications missing required information or incomplete may be disqualified.

- Copy of last report card or transcript if available
- Copy of acceptance letter from college
- 200-word essay: "How have your Christian beliefs prepared you to interact with people of other faiths or people of no faith?"
- A letter of recommendation from your pastor or recognized church leader

Submitting Applications:

Applications must be received by **May 1, 2021**. Applications received postmarked after this date will be disqualified. Applications should be addressed to:

Pine Hill Scholastic Committee
c/o The First Baptist Church of East Aurora
591 Porterville Road
East Aurora, New York 14052-1530

Student Declaration:

I certify that the information provided herein to be complete and accurate. I understand that this gift will be awarded in two payments of \$500.00 prior to the start of each semester. If selected, I will attend the presentation ceremony at The First Baptist Church of East Aurora. Winners of this scholarship must resubmit an application each year to remain eligible.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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