

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Union Grove Association Churches
Wayne County High Schools
Frontier College

FROM: New Hope General Baptist Church Scholarship Committee

DATE: February 1, 2023

RE: New Hope General Baptist Church FY 2023-2024 Scholarships

The New Hope General Baptist Church Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that New Hope Church will be awarding (1) \$3,000 and (1) \$500 scholarship this year. We will be awarding these scholarships to deserving graduating high school seniors who are current, attending members of New Hope Church in Fairfield, IL or a church in the Union Grove Association, and/or graduating seniors from Wayne County High Schools, and/or college/university/technical school students.

You will find attached the New Hope Church Scholarship packet documents. Please distribute the document packet to any interested high school senior or college/university/technical school student.

We plan to have a New Hope Church representative be present during the awards day or graduation day ceremony of the student's school (if applicable and in accordance with Coronavirus guidelines) to present the scholarship to the recipient.

All entries must be postmarked **no later than April 1, 2023 (no exceptions)** and mailed to:

**NEW HOPE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE/SANDY SIMPSON
927 COUNTY ROAD 1930 EAST
FAIRFIELD, IL 62837**

If you need any further information, please contact:

Sandy Simpson
PH: (618) 599-2036

Brenda Rush
PH: (618) 599-5511

David Buchanan
PH: (618) 599-9983

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS
FROM: NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023
RE: NEW HOPE CHURCH FY 2023/2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee of New Hope General Baptist Church invites you to apply for the New Hope Church scholarships that will be awarded in May of this year. The scholarships are awarded based upon a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, church participation, school participation, and financial need. We assure you that each applicant will be given equal consideration.

In order to receive one of these scholarships, you must be enrolled or have plans to enroll in a university, college, or technical school. If you are an awarded applicant, upon presentation of your official receipt that confirms your registration, a check will be issued jointly to you and the university, college, or technical school. The value of the awarded scholarship will be paid toward the cost of tuition, fees, room, board, and other college expenses. A billing statement from the school must be submitted. Scholarships will be awarded in May before the Fall Semester.

Please mail your application along with all other required materials to:

**NEW HOPE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
ATTENTION: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE/SANDY SIMPSON
927 COUNTY ROAD 1930 EAST
FAIRFIELD, IL 62837**

Thank you kindly for applying for one of New Hope Church's scholarships. **Remember: The postmarked date for returning the application is April 1, 2023 (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

If you have any questions, please contact one of the persons listed below:

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NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DESCRIPTION:

The New Hope Church Scholarship Fund was established in **2016** with initial contributions from a member of New Hope Church to support post-secondary educational opportunities by awarding scholarships to qualifying current members of New Hope Church or a church in the Union Grove Association, graduating high school seniors from Wayne County schools, or college/university/technical school students. The Scholarship Fund may provide a maximum of **ONE (1)** award annually in the amount of **\$3,000.00** to a full-time student enrolling/enrolled in an accredited four-year college/university or technical school, and **ONE (1)** award annually in the amount of **\$500.00** for a full-time student enrolling/enrolled in a two-year college or technical school. Scholarships will be applied to the cost of undergraduate tuition, fees, room, board, and other college expenses.

CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- be current, attending members of New Hope Church or a church in the Union Grove Association, graduating seniors from Wayne County Schools, or college/university/technical school students with preference given to qualifying members of New Hope Church.
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on most recent grade transcript.
- be enrolled full-time during the academic year in a program leading to a two-year or four-year degree.
- be in need of financial aid.

Students must reapply each year, but will not be eligible beyond a maximum of four consecutive years of undergraduate study. In the event the yearly applicant pool has more qualified applicants than the maximum number of scholarships available, the applicants most in need of financial aid will receive the awards. Additional materials may be requested for this determination.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The following items must be submitted to New Hope Church:

- application completed in full and postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2023** and mailed to: **NEW HOPE CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
927 COUNTY ROAD 1930 EAST
FAIRFIELD, IL 62837**
- grade transcript through the first semester of 12th grade for high school seniors, or most recent grade transcript for college students, ACT/SAT scores, and GPA.
- one letter of recommendation from a church pastor/leader and/or church member of New Hope Church.
- one letter of recommendation from a school official or teacher.

The application and all supplemental materials must be postmarked by the deadline indicated in order to receive consideration. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

SELECTION PROCESS:

A Scholarship Committee of New Hope Church will review the applicants' applications for qualifications and will make recommendations of applicants qualified to the church during a business meeting for vote to award scholarships. **An interview with the applicant may be requested.** The committee reserves the right to rescind an award should a recipient's circumstances change, such as failure to graduate from high school, failure to enroll at an accredited institution, or GPA falls below a 3.0. The church reserves the right to withhold the award in the event that no applicants are deemed to meet the qualifications.

PAYMENT PROCESS:

Once recipient(s) have been selected, checks will be issued jointly to the college and to the recipient, and will be mailed to the recipient's home address for the student to deliver to the college's/university's/technical school's financial aid office. Separate checks will be issued for Fall and Spring Semesters. A current transcript with GPA must be submitted and reviewed by the committee before the Spring Semester check is issued. Check processing requires approximately two weeks.

MANAGEMENT OF FUND:

The New Hope Church Scholarship Fund is administered by New Hope Church. As the fund grows, the number and dollar amount of scholarships may be increased. Contributions from the public may be made to the fund at any time. Gifts should be clearly designated for the New Hope Church Scholarship Fund. Questions and applications regarding this scholarship may be directed to **NEW HOPE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** at:

NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

STEPS THAT NEED YOUR ATTENTION

1. Please fill out every blank in your scholarship application. This includes complete addresses and zip codes. Incomplete applications **will not be considered**.
2. Please sign the form that authorizes the committee to verify your grades from your respective schools (please supply addresses and zip codes). If your school gives you a transcript with your GPA on it, you may send a copy of that.
3. On the sheet listing the church related activities, please be specific with names of activities, dates, and locations of activities. **Points will not be given for activities, if you are not specific.**
4. **Applications must be postmarked by April 1st to be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. On the application, indicate the total number of persons in the household supported by parents or guardians, including self.
6. On the application, indicate the total number of persons in the household supported by applicant and/or spouse, if applicable.
7. **On the "Financial Need Scale" enter an "X" in the appropriate box to indicate the adjusted gross income of the household claiming the dependent (parents, guardians, spouse and/or applicant).**
8. When applications are returned, letters may be sent to respective high schools verifying each applicant's grade point average. If applicant is not a recent high school graduate, transcripts are requested for the last two semesters that he/she was in school.

APPLICATION FOR NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

CANDIDATE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

NAME(S) OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S): _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY: _____

FINANCIAL NEED: **(PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FINANCIAL NEED SCALE.)**

SCHOOL:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNSELOR*: _____

TELEPHONE*: _____ (SCHOOL)
_____ (COUNSELOR)

MAJOR/COURSE OF STUDY**: _____

YEAR IN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAM**: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE**: _____

GPA: _____

ACTIVITIES _____

AWARDS: _____

***TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICANTS ONLY**

**** TO BE COMPLETED BY UNDERGRADUATE OR TECHNICAL STUDENTS ONLY**

CHURCH:

CHECK: _____ I AM A MEMBER OF NEW HOPE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD, IL.

_____ I AM A MEMBER OF A CHURCH IN THE UNION GROVE ASSOCIATION.

_____ OTHER: _____

CHURCH ACTIVITIES INVOLVEMENT: _____

CHURCH AWARDS: _____

REFERENCES: (PLEASE SUBMIT A WRITTEN REFERENCE FROM A PASTOR/LEADER AND/OR CHURCH MEMBER OF NEW HOPE CHURCH. ALSO, SUBMIT A WRITTEN REFERENCE FROM A SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR TEACHER.)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
PASTOR/LEADER	MEMBER OF NEW HOPE CHURCH

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
SCHOOL OFFICIAL/TEACHER	OTHER

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES*:

APPLIED TO: _____

ACCEPTANCE: _____

FINANCIAL AID AWARDS RECEIVED: _____

INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY: _____

I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE

_____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE

*THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED ONLY BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT APPLICANTS

**NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP
FINANCIAL NEED SCALE**

*ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (HOUSEHOLD)	DEPENDENTS				
	1	2-3	4-5	6-7	8 OR MORE
10,000 - BELOW					
10,001 - 20,000					
20,001 - 30,000					
30,001 - 40,000					
40,001 - 50,000					
50,001 - 60,000					
60,001 - 70,000					
70,001 - 80,000					
80,001 - 90,000					
90,001 - 100,000					

_____ NAME

*AMOUNT ENTERED ON IRS TAX FORM 1040 AS "ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME" OF THE HOUSEHOLD CLAIMING THE DEPENDENT.

**NEW HOPE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP
AUTHORIZATION TO VERIFY GPA**

I _____ hereby authorize the
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

New Hope Church Scholarship Committee to contact the following school to verify my

GPA:

SCHOOL

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

SIGNED:

(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)

DATED:
