Bethesda Baptist Church

John D. Bussey Scholarship Application

Application Due Date is May 20, 2018 @ 1pm

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Criteria for Eligibility

(Article VI of the John D. Bussey Scholarship Committee Bylaws)

Section	
A.	The applicant must be a member of Bethesda Baptist Church having been united with the church not less than two consecutive years.
Section B.	The Applicant must demonstrate financial need based on specific financial documentations and specific records of scholastic achievement for merit.
Section C.	The applicant must submit completed scholarship forms, two letters of recommendation and other required documents to the JDB Scholarship Review Committee. One letter of recommendation must come from the leader, sponsor or coordinator of a Bethesda Ministry in which the applicant participates or has participated.
Section D.	The applicant must show proof of enrollment in a college, university, vocational school, or for a post high school education program.[1]
Section E.	The applicant and parent/guardian must be available for interview at the church at a time designated by the scholarship review committee.
Section F.	The committee shall notify the applicant of results.

Important Notice to Applicants!!

(Failure to comply with any of the items listed in the criteria above and the instructions below will result in disqualification of the application.)

1. The application deadline is May 20, 2018 at 1pm. The deadline must be met. There will be no exceptions. Place applications in the box marked as "John D Bussey Scholarship" located at the table outside the office. If mailing the application it must be addressed to Bethesda Baptist Church,1808 Capitol Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002; and postmarked no later than May 19th. Completed application packages may also be scanned and e-mailed to erikathompson23@gmail.com drjenniesanders@yahoo.com. Be sure to scan and include all materials. The same deadlines apply.
2. All information on the application **must** be filled out completely.
3. When N/A (not applicable) is used in response to any of the questions, please provide a brief explanation as to why.
4. If you cannot make the scheduled interview, you are expected to notify the Chair within 24 hours prior to your appointment. If you do not appropriately cancel and reschedule, the application will be disqualified.
5. The application **must** be signed.

Applicants, we urge you to ask questions **BEFORE** you submit your applications.

[1] We understand you may not have this information during the application/interview process; however, **you must have it in order to receive your award**.

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General Information

Legal Name	
Mailing Address	

Telephone	( )	E-mail address		Birth Date	___/___/___

Are you a member of Bethesda Baptist Church? ❒ **Yes** ❒ **No** (To apply, Bethesda membership for two consecutive years is required)	Number of Years	

Please mark ☒ the appropriate box

☐ **First-time applicant** ☐ **Returning applicant**

Academic Information

(Your most recent transcript/grades **MUST** accompany your application)

Name and address of High School	Year graduated ____/____/___ Will graduate ____/____/____
List higher education institution(s) you have attended	Hours achieved_____ Degree received_____
Name and address of higher education institution where you have been accepted to attend 2018-2019	Fall [ ] Spring [ ]

College level Responses — College and High School

Do you plan to attend full time? ❒ Yes ❒ No	Degree Expected	Field of study	Year of study (class level)	Cumulative grade point average (GPA)

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Financial Information

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name	Father's/Legal Guardian's Name
Mother's/Legal Guardian's Address	Father's/Legal Guardian's Address (if different)
(1) Anticipated Annual Academic Expenses (What will total cost be?)	**(2) Education Resources (How much do you have or expect?)**
Tuition ..... $_____ Room and Board..... $_____ Books..... $_____ Other (specify) _____ $ _____ **Total Annual Funding Required**.....$ _____	Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) contribution..... **$**_____ Loans (specify type) ..... **$**_____ _____ Grants (specify type)..... **$**_____ _____ Other sources of financing education ..... **$** _____

Financial Information (continued)

(3) How much funding do you still need? (What do you need?) *(Place the net amount here that represents the Annual Academic Expenses less your Education Resources noted above)* **$**_____	**Do you work?** **Yes** ❒ **No** ❒	If yes, type of work Annual Income $	
	How much will you contribute toward your education?		$
	Total Resources		**$**

Work Experience

Year	Place of employment	Job Title	Explanation of duties

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Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities (church, school, community, etc.)

Year	Type of Activity	Please note any special positions or recognition received

Special Professional or Scholastic Honors

Year	Type of Honor	Brief description of what you did to receive it

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Essay
Bethesda's 2018 theme is Strengthening That Which Remains. Write an essay detailing How you can contribute to strengthening the church as a young Christian. The essay must be at least two pages in length, typed, double spaced and in 12-point font size. **Take this essay seriously! Plagiarism, failure to attribute factual statements and padding will detract from your overall scholarship application and award amount**

Your signature indicates that all of the information included in this application is true and accurate.

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(Parent/guardians signature required if applicant is under 21 years of age)

_____	_____
Date	Applicant's Signature
_____	_____
Date	Parent/Guardian Signature

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2018 Scholarship Checklist

Before you submit your application, please review and confirm that you have met all of the following requirements.

Please place a check ☑ beside each directive that you have met.

1. I have been a member of Bethesda Baptist Church for at least two consecutive years.	
2. My most recent available transcript or grades are attached.	
3. I have at least two separate letters of recommendation attached. One letter of recommendation is from a Bethesda Ministry in which I serve or have served.	
4. I have attached my typed, double-spaced, 12-point-font, essay of at least two pages in length on the topic provided. ➢ Check for misspellings ➢ Used correct capitalization and punctuation ➢ Have used complete sentences that flow to give ideas ➢ Used correct and consistent tense throughout the essay ➢ Have properly referenced any cited quotations or information used	
5. I have completed the John D. Bussey Scholarship Application in its entirety with no omissions.	
6. I have met the **05/20/2018 deadline**	

Please Note:
If any of the above requirements are NOT met, your application will be disqualified. Also, we understand that proof of enrollment may not be available during the application/interview process; however, it is required in order for you to receive an award. It is imperative that you forward this information to Sister Erika Thompson (301.318.6411 and erikathompson23@gmail.com) or another member of the scholarship committee as soon as you get it.

Examples of acceptable **Proof of Enrollment**:	
First-time students	• acceptance letter • tuition bill
Returning Students	• tuition bill • registration schedule from the school with the student's name on it • letter from school stating that you are a student in good standing

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

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