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**Scholarship Information**

**Scholarship Information is available at** [**www.corbinfbc.org**](http://www.corbinfbc.org) **in News & Info**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

*Information Provided:*

*\_\_ Scholarship procedure guidelines*

*\_\_ Criteria and preferences for awards*

*\_\_ Committee Evaluation Guide*

*\_\_ Disbursement procedures*

**Scholarship Applications are to be submitted to the office by 12:00pm** *,* **Friday, May 3, 2024**

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Scholarship Submission s include:

*Completed Scholarship application materials*

Completed Teacher referral forms in sealed envelopes

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*Scholarship Procedure Guidelines*

First Baptist Church of Corbin, Kentucky is built on rich history woven by members who invested their lives in the growth of our family of faith. It isbecause of their commitment to Christ, dedication to our church, and their vision for the future, as well as the generous gifts of their family and friends, that we are honored to award up to seven scholarships annually to students pursuing degrees in higher education.

These scholarships are offered as assistance along the way as generations of students discover the direction for their journey, refine their skills and abilities, and share the love of Christ in their own particular areas of vocation, personal relationships, worship, and service.

The scholarships available to be awarded are:

Alma and Cannon Williams Scholarship

Margaret and Bradley Williams Scholarship

Jayne and John Dunaway Scholarship

Wentz and Pauline Reasor Scholarship

Laverna Asbridge Scholarship

Cecil and Rebecca Hayes Scholarship

Lula and Madison B. Cornn Scholarship

Information regarding deadline for annual submission will be provided each year in the Baptist Builder newsletter, the Sunday Dateline and during Wednesday evening meetings.

The interest that is earned in any given fiscal year on an individual scholarship trust is usually, but not always the amount to be awarded, therefore scholarship amounts will vary from year to year. Information regarding the amount of the scholarship is sent to the student by mail when he/she is notified of the award. If the scholarship is not awarded, the funds will remain in trust until the following year. All scholarships are awarded only on a one-year basis, and are not automatically renewed. *Therefore, recipients wishing to be considered for an award during another academic year must reapply.*

Scholarship procedures and applications will be made available online at [www.corbinfbc.org](http://www.corbinfbc.org) under News & Info to rising first-year undergraduate students, upper-level college students, and graduate school students by the first week of April of the current year. Information includes the following:

*Information Provided:*

* *List of available scholarships*
* *Scholarship procedure guidelines*
* *Criteria and preferences for awards*
* *Committee Evaluation Guide*
* *Disbursement procedures*
* *Scholarship application*
* *Teacher referral forms*

The completed materials for application must be submitted to the church office no later than 12:00 p.m. on the first Friday in May of the current year. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Scholarship Committee receives all necessary materials by the published deadline.

Upon receipt of the completed applications, the Scholarship Committee (as provided for in the Bylaws of First Baptist Church) will meet to evaluate each candidate. A point system will be used to fairly judge the most qualified recipient. Scholarships will then be awarded during a morning worship service in May.

Candidates with questions or concerns should address them to the Senior Pastor or the Associate Minister for Students.

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*Scholarship Criteria and Preferences*

In general, scholarship candidates will have definite plans to be classified as full-time students in the summer or fall semester of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. An introduction to each scholarship and specific criteria in order of priority are listed below:

***The Bradley and Margaret Williams Scholarship***

Bradley and Margaret Williams were raised in east Laurel County, and always had a strong interest in education. Both attended Sue Bennett Memorial School (later known as Sue Bennett College), and it was there that they met. Bradley was an elementary school teacher early in his career, and continued an interest in education after his marriage to Margaret. Margaret was a homemaker who dedicated herself to her family, her church, and various civic organizations. While they did not have children of their own, they encouraged and enabled many of their nieces and nephews to continue their pursuit of higher education.

In order to be considered as a scholarship candidate for the **Margaret and Bradley Williams Scholarship,** the student must:

* *Have made a commitment to Christ;*
* *Be**a member of First Baptist Church; or be an active participant in the life of First Baptist*

*Church as his or her primary family of faith;*

* *Be a rising first-year undergraduate who will be classified as a full-time student in the fall semester of the current* year.

***The Alma and* Cannon *Williams Scholarship***

Alma and Cannon Williams did not have children of their own, but had a deep love of children and wanted to see them use their God-given abilities. It was important to Alma and Cannon that children have access to schools and materials in order to further their education. It is known that before Alma was married, she provided funding for at least two young girls to receive schooling; one became a nurse and the other, a beautician. After they married, Alma and Cannon provided tutors for several children who were having difficulties in school, as well as books and clothing to help raise their self-image. No one was surprised that the last will and testament of Alma Williams provided for an educational scholarship to be awarded in their name.

***The Wentz and Pauline Reasor Scholarship***

Before her death in November 2001, Pauline Reasor established the Wentz and Pauline Reasor scholarship in memory of her late husband and to honor their life together. Mr. and Mrs. Reasor were long-time, active members of First Baptist Church, with Mr. Reasor serving as church treasurer for many years.

***The Lula and Madison B. Cornn Scholarship***

The Madison and Lula Cornn Scholarship was established by Marie C. Leonhardt in memory of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Cornn were long-time, active members of First Baptist Church. The scholarship fund is one of the many ways that the trust established by Mrs. Leonhardt, a resident of Louisville, KY until her death in December of 2003 will continue to support First Baptist Church.

In order to be considered as a scholarship candidate for the **Alma and Cannon Williams Scholarship, the Wentz and Pauline Reasor Scholarship, or the Lula and Madison B. Cornn Scholarship, the** student must:

* *Have made a commitment to Christ;*
* *Be a member of First Baptist Church or be an active participant in the life of First Baptist Church as his or her primary family of faith;*
* *Be**a rising first-year undergraduate who will be classified as a full-time student in the fall semester of the current* year.

***The Jayne and John Dunaway Scholarship***

The Jayne and John Dunaway Scholarship was established in their honor by members and friends of First Baptist Church. Dr. John Dunaway served as pastor from 1970 to 1995. While at First Baptist Church, Dr. Dunaway served in many capacities of denominational life, including a term on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and a term as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Baptist Housing Incorporated and the John Dunaway Family Life Center were constructed during his tenure.

In order to be considered as a scholarship candidate for the **Jayne and John Dunaway Scholarship,** the student must:

* *Have made a commitment to Christ;*
* *Be**a member of First Baptist Church or be an active participant in the life of First Baptist Church as his or her primary family of faith;*
* *Be a rising first-year undergraduate who will be classified as a full-time student in the fall semester of the current year. With preference given to:*
* *A pastoral ministry student; or*
* *A mission and/or ministry student.*

***The Laverna Asbridge Scholarship***

Phyllis and E.R. Hopper and Tony and Portia Asbridge established the Laverna Asbrige Scholarship Fund in memory of Phyllis' and Tony's mother. Laverna Asbridge was a faithful and beloved member of First Baptist Church, who was actively involved in Sunday School and mission circles.

In order to be considered as a scholarship candidate for the **Laverna Asbridge Scholarship,** the student must:

* *Have made a commitment to Christ;*
* *Be a member of First Baptist Church or be an active participant in the life of First Baptist Church as his or her primary family of faith;*

*Be a rising first-year undergraduate who will be classified as a full-time student in the fall semester of the current year. With preference given to:*

* *A mission student; or*
* *A ministry student.*

***The Cecil and Rebecca Hayes Scholarship***

Betty and Burnell Thurman established the Cecil and Rebecca Hayes scholarship in memory of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were faithful members of First Baptist Church for many years. Mr. Hayes sang in the sanctuary choir for 77 years, was actively supportive of various mission projects, and served on numerous committees. Mr. Hayes was awarded a 50-year Sunday School pin, in commemoration of fifty years of perfect attendance!

In order to be considered as a scholarship candidate for the **Cecil and Rebecca Hayes Scholarship,** the student must:

* *Have made a commitment to Christ;*
* *Be a member of First Baptist Church or be an active participant in the life of First Baptist Church as his or her primary family of faith*
* *With preference given to:*
* *A music ministry student;*
* *A student attending Georgetown College, Carson-Newman University, The University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College,) or Clear Creek Baptist Bible College; or an undergraduate music major.*

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*Scholarship Committee Evaluation Guide*

Upon receipt of the completed application, the Scholarship Committee will meet to evaluate each candidate based upon the following assessments: church membership and degree of participation in church activities, a written essay, evidence of academic achievement, recommendations, extra-curricular school and community activities, and honors and/or awards. In the event that there are more qualified candidates than available scholarships, consideration may also be given to financial need. If there are more scholarships than candidates, the scholarships to be awarded will be at the discretion of the committee. The scholarships will be awarded during Senior Recognition Day at a morning worship service in May.

**Church Membership 20 points**

**Participation in Church Activities 20 points**

**Essay 10 points**

***Content***

***Communication skills (grammar, spelling, sentence structure, etc.)***

***Organization***

**Academic Achievement 10 points**

**Recommendations 10 points**

**Extra-curricular activities 10 points  
*(other than church)***

**Honors and/or Awards 5 points**

**Financial Need 15 points**

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*Scholarship Disbursement Procedure*

Scholarship funds are disbursed to the scholarship recipient's college or university. At no time are funds paid directly to the student. The process for disbursing scholarship funds is as follows:

1. The recipient will submit either the original or a copy of his/her tuition invoice to the church. It should be sent to the attention of either the **Minister of Youth and** **Children** **or the office manager.** **It is the responsibility of the student to see that the church receives the invoice. The church is unable to request the information from either the family or the school.**
2. Following the receipt of the invoice, the financial secretary will send a check directly to the recipient's college or university on his/her behalf.
3. Once the check has been sent to the school, the recipient will receive a letter from First Baptist Church to notify him/her that the award has been sent.