

## New Salem Baptist Church Elizabeth Denton Wesley 2017 Memorial Scholarship Application

Elizabeth Denton Wesley was a courageous, twentieth century, Christian woman who embraced the challenges of life. Before she was two years old, she was stricken with infantile paralysis or polio. She learned to walk on one leg with the assistance of two crutches. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from Philander Smith College and worked toward another degree at Howard University. Later she moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Employed by the state of Missouri, she retired after thirty years of service. She was a devoted wife and mother who expected her family to attend church with her and be active. We also volunteered with civic organizations. Elizabeth Denton Wesley exemplified the scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; ..." (Proverbs 3:5)

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**Purpose** – The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funding support to students that are attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

### **Eligibility** – Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited 2-4 year degree program
- Have completed at least 1 semester of classes
- Have a minimum of 2.5 GPA (based on 4.0 scale)
- Be a current and active member of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church
- Special consideration will be given to applicants that are attending an HBCU.

### **Scholarship Award Amount (non-renewable)**

The Elizabeth Denton Wesley Scholarship will award one \$1000 scholarship annually to a current college student. This award is not automatically renewed. Applicants must reapply each year. The scholarship recipient will be announced in June and the award will be sent directly to the student in August upon receipt of the recipient's Autumn academic schedule. Further details will be enclosed in the recipient's award letter.

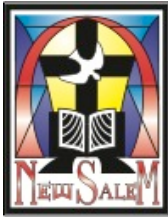
### **Application Process**

- Completed application
- 300-500 word essay
- Proof of enrollment (official document from the school or the clearinghouse only)
- 1 letters of recommendation
  - One letter from an academic advisor, professor or community leader who can indicate the length of time they have known you, discuss your character and contributions to your school or community and how you have impacted them personally. OR
  - One letter from a New Salem ministry leader who can document your participation, contribution, dedication and growth in one of the ministries you are active in. The ministry leader cannot be on the scholarship committee.

### **Required Essay**

Your essay must be 300-500 words and must demonstrate your ability to address the topic in a clear concise manner using correct grammar and punctuation. The essay must be typed and double spaced using Times New Roman 12 point font. Essays that are not typed will disqualify your application.

1. Elizabeth Denton Wesley was able to endure great adversity, persevere and achieve success. Her determination and tenacity inspired her children and others to achieve their goals. Describe how you have persevered through a great challenge, what you learned, and how you will use this adversity to inspire and help the next generation.



**NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**THE ELIZABETH DENTON WESLEY SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION**

**PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name First Name Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone # (xxx) xxx-xxxx Alt. Telephone # (xxx) xxx-xxxx E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II: COLLEGE INFORMATION**

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Honors Courses Taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor/Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer and Community Service Completed in 2017-2018:** \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE New Salem Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Reminder:**

A completed application includes the following: A signed and dated application, proof of enrollment in an accredited 2-4 year college, an academic transcript, 2 letters of recommendations and a 300-500 word essay. **The completed application packet must be received on or before Sunday, May 13, 2018.** Late applications will neither be considered nor accepted! Mail completed packet to:

New Salem Missionary Baptist Church  
 Attn: Scholarship Committee  
 2956 Cleveland Avenue  
 Columbus, Ohio 43224  
 Office: (614) 930-2242/ Fax: (614) 267-9595  
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