



# New Salem Missionary Baptist Church McDaniel-Pitts 2018 Scholarship Application

*We emphasize, encourage, and support the retention and graduation of students in pursuit of higher education, advancements, and opportunities at all college and university levels.*

## Eligibility

Student must:

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited 2-4 year degree program
- Must have completed 1 semester of classes
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA (based on a 4.0 scale)
- Be a current active member of New Salem

## Scholarship Awards

The \$1,000 scholarships are **not** automatically renewed. Scholarships will be awarded in June of the academic year and will be sent directly to your financial aid office. Recipients must reapply each year.

## Application

A completed application includes the following:

- Completed Application Form Including Essay
- Proof of Enrollment (This is an official document from your school – not a class schedule/registration)
- Academic Transcript (Must be an official transcript – not internet printout)
- 1 Letter of Recommendation
  - **One from a non-family member (pastor, family friend, supervisor etc...).** This letter should specifically address why you are deserving of this scholarship based on your character. They should include how they know you and how long they have known you.
  - Or
  - **One from a professor, teacher and or counselor.** This letter should specifically address why you are deserving of this scholarship based upon your academic achievements and or progress. The person writing this letter of recommendation must be someone who is currently involved in your academic career. They should include in the letter how they know you and how long they have known you.

## **Required Essay:**

The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Write an essay of no more than 500 words, using one prompt below to inspire and structure your response. All essays must be typed and double spaced using Times New Roman 12 point font. **Handwritten essays will not be accepted.** Remember: 500 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but do not feel obligated to do so. (The scholarship committee will not accept a response shorter than 300 words.) **If you have previously applied please respond to Prompt #4.**

### **Prompt # 1:**

**After completing college, you will have attained a degree that will qualify you to go out into the work force and earn a salary. Explain how what you have learned in college has changed you as a person and how you plan on using that knowledge to not only earn a salary but benefit the Kingdom of God post-graduation.**

### **Prompt #2**

**Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn? Explain how you will use what you have learned from that experience to minister to others.**

### **Prompt#3**

**What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why? What do you think the church's position should be in response to this issue?**

### **Prompt#4**

**Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development. Explain how that experience has helped develop your spiritual walk.**

## **DEADLINE:**

**All applications must be received no later than Sunday, May 13, 2018.**

