

New Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Deacon Emeritus William Harrison, Sr.
2018 Memorial Scholarship Application



William Harrison, Sr. was born November 14, 1915 in Dothan, Alabama. His Father was a Methodist Preacher. His Mother made pottery. Both died in their late 40's. He was one of five siblings to be raised by his grandparents. He only had a 3rd grade education, but learned how to read as an adult. He loved the Lord, read his Bible and prayed daily, and helped those in need. He was wise and financially prudent. He owned his home, a grocery store and real-estate property in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was married three times and had 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great-grandchild. He loved his family and did the best that he could in helping them and others in his community. Later in life, he became a single parent. He moved to Columbus, OH in 1993. He believed in education and encouraged youth to get as much education as they could because it would be something that no one could take from them. William Harrison served as a Deacon Emeritus in

the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. He passed away on December 7, 2014. He was 99 years old.

Purpose – The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funding support in encouraging youth who have been raised in a single parent household to pursue their dreams and passions through higher education at a 2-year community college or a 4-year university.

Eligibility – Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school graduating senior
- 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 for at least 1 year
- Special consideration will be given to applicants that have been raised in a single-parent home

Scholarship Award Amount (non-renewable)

The William Harrison, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund will award two \$500.00 scholarships annually to two deserving high school seniors (one male and one female) in support of their academic goal of attending a 2 or 4 year accredited university or college.

Application Process

- Completed application
- 300-500 word essay (choose one of two essay topics)
- Proof of enrollment (officially document from the school or the clearinghouse only)
- High School Academic Transcript (must be in a sealed envelope signed by counselor on back)
- 2 letters of recommendation
 - One letter from a high school teacher, counselor 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.
 - 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. Please choose from one of the two essay topics listed below.

1. Our ancestors were born in some pretty difficult times yet many were able to persevere and achieve success because they wanted future generations to have a better life. How do you believe your ancestors paved the way for you to reach your educational goals? What does their sacrifice mean to you and describe how you have persevered through a challenge to make life better for the next generation.
2. Many people feel that education opens the doors to opportunity and that you should get all the education that you can. In your pursuit of higher education, how do you plan to capitalize on your goals, your opportunities and your challenges to learn and position yourself for success? What does success look like for you? How can you utilize your education to help your family and give back to your community?



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WILLIAM HARRISON, SR.
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender: _____ Race: _____
US Citizen: _____ Birthdate: _____

Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Address		City	State	Zip
Cell Telephone # (xxx) xxx-xxxx	Alt. Telephone # (xxx) xxx-xxxx		E-mail Address	
Father's/Guardian Name			Mother's/Guardian Name	

PART II: HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School		Address	City/State	Zip
Current GPA: _____	Highest ACT Score: _____		HS Graduation Date: _____	
Class Size: _____	Highest SAT Score: _____		_____	
Class Rank: _____	Honors Courses Taken: _____		_____	
High School Involvement: _____				
Extra-Curricular Involvement: _____				
New Salem Member Since: _____		Ministry Involvement: _____		

PART III: COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of College		City	State
Date of College Enrollment: _____	Expected Graduation Date: _____	Institution Type: _____	
Type of Degree Sought: _____	Major/Minor: _____	_____	
Applicant's Signature _____		Date _____	

Applicant Reminder:

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

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