

**First Baptist Church
Scholarship Committee
Application Instructions**
June 2010



Introduction

First Baptist Church of Athens, Alabama has the opportunity to offer scholarships due to the generosity of several members that have chosen to contribute monies to the church with the specific instructions that these monies be used to provide scholarships to candidates that meet their selection criteria. All of the providers have specified what criteria that the successful applicant must meet to be awarded any monies from these scholarship funds. Since each of the scholarships have differing requirements, thus this application has been tailored to assist the Scholarship Committee in obtaining sufficient information required to ensure that the successful applicant has meet each of honoree's selection criteria. The Scholarship Committee itself is comprised of individuals that meet the requirements as set forth by the providers. The quantity and specific offices that they hold are required by the provider's wishes to administrate the dispersion of scholarship funds.

Please follow these instructions carefully to fill out this application as completely as possible. **Do not leave any blanks empty.** If the question does not apply to you, mark the open space with "N/A" or write Not Applicable. **Please print in a legible manner** so that no confusion occurs that might forfeit your eligibility to be considered for a scholarship.

The following instructions follow the application form from front to back, in the order that each blank is listed. Most of the required information is self-explanatory and will not require reference to this instruction set.

I. Applicant Information

1. **Date:** [Date on which the form is filled out]
2. **Name:** [Your Name] *Last, First, Middle*
3. **Current Address** [*Street Number, Street Name*]
4. **City** [City of your permanent residence]
5. **State** [State of your permanent residence]
6. **Zip** [Federal Zip Code for your permanent residence address]
7. **Names of Parents or Guardian** [*Father's Last Name, Father's First Name, Mother's Last Name, Mother's First Name, Guardian's First Name, Guardian's Last Name*]
8. **Married** [*YES or NO*]
9. **Do you have any children?** [*YES or NO* if you have dependants under eighteen (18) years of age]
10. **Are you currently employed?** [*Part Time or Full Time*]
11. **Place of Employment** [Name of your employer]

II. Church Membership

1. **Are you a church member?** [Are you a member of First Baptist Church, Athens, If not where?]
2. **Where?** [What is the name, street address and city, state & phone number of the church that you regularly attend]
3. **How Long?** [How many years have you attended the Church listed above]
4. **Are you a Christian?** [*Yes or No*]

III. Education

1. **High School Attended** [What is the name of the High School that you have/do attend]
2. **Date of Graduation** [If you graduated and received a diploma, what was the graduation date]
3. **School/Institution/Seminary for which assistance is requested** [What is the name of the school that you wish to attend, for which your are requesting financial assistance]
4. **City** [What is the name of the city that the School/Institution/Seminary is located that you wish to attend]
5. **State** [What is the name of the state that the School/Institution/Seminary is located that you wish to attend]
6. **Proposed Course of Study** [What is the subject/major you plan on seeking]
7. **Projected Date of Employment** [What is the planned date that you will have graduated and would be available for employment]
8. **Are you entering college for the first time** [*YES or NO*, Is this the first time you have registered for any college courses or for a degree]
9. **Year of study you will enter** [what is the year that you plan on entering School/Institution/Seminary]
10. **Are you licensed or ordained** [*YES or NO*, Do you currently hold a license or have previously been ordained as a minister]

IV. Scholarship Information – Availability of other funds is a factor in understanding the level of need. Please answer the following questions:

1. **Have you ever received scholarship(s) from First Baptist Church, Athens, Alabama** [*YES* or *NO*, Self Explanatory]
Year(s) [The year or years (January – December) that you received a scholarship from First Baptist Church, Athens, Alabama]
Amount [Enter the dollar amount, by year, of scholarships that you received from First Baptist Church, Athens, Alabama]
2. **Have you received other scholarships this year?** [*YES* or *NO*] [If *YES*, what is the total amount for all monies received or will be received (only for this year) and the percentage of this year's (one full year) tuition that has been or will be received by all other scholarships?]

V. Facebook, Blog or Website Accounts – Do you have a facebook, blog or personal website account?

1. **If yes, which one(s):** [List all types of accounts you may have]
 If no, state None. [If you have no accounts, write the word "None" in the blank]
2. **If yes, what is the internet location associated with the account(s) listed in the item #1 above:** [If you listed an account(s) in V. 1 above, provide a URL address, or user name to give direction or internet location to those sites]

VI. Mattie Coffman Scholarship

1. **Are you currently, or have you been a resident of the Athens, Alabama (Limestone County)** [*YES* or *NO*]
2. **Are you currently, or have you been a member of a Southern Baptist Church in the Athens area?** [*YES* or *NO*]
3. **Church:** [Name and location of the Southern Baptist Church, in the Athens area that you have been a member of]
4. **Years** [The number of years that your were a member in good standing at the Southern Baptist Churches listed above]
5. **Are you planning on pursuing an occupation in the Southern Baptist denomination?** [*YES* or *NO*]
6. **If you answered yes to the question above, please indicate what vocation below (preaching, missionary, minister of music, education, or youth, etc.)** [Indicate which full time ministry that the applicant plans upon studying]
7. **If enrolling in Seminary or Bible College, is the institute identified with the Southern Baptist Convention?** [*YES* or *NO*]
8. **If you answered yes to all the above questions, to meet the full requirements of the Mattie Coffman Scholarship you must also provide the following:**
 [(1) A current letter of recommendation from your pastor,
 (2) A current letter of recommendation from one (1) lay member of your church,
 (3) A current letter stating why you wish to serve God in this vocation.]

VII. Ida Bailey Leopard Scholarship

1. **Are you planning on pursuing a career in Elementary Education?** [*YES* or *NO*]
2. **Are you planning on pursuing an occupation in the Southern Baptist denomination?** [*YES* or *NO*]

3. **If you answered YES to the question above, please indicate the vocation that your wish to pursue.**
4. **If you answered YES to one of the above questions, to meet the full requirements of the Ida Bailey Leopard Scholarship you must also provide the following:**
[(1) A current letter stating why you wish to serve God in this vocation.]

VIII. Arthur Ming Scholarship

1. **Are you planning on pursuing a career in ministry within the Southern Baptist denomination?** [*YES* or *NO*]
2. **If you answered YES to the question above, please indicate what vocation below (preaching, missionary, minister of music, education, or youth, etc.)** [Indicate which full time ministry that the applicant plans upon studying]
3. **If you answered yes to both of the questions above and your parents are Southern Baptist International or North American missionaries, originally from or lives in Limestone County, Alabama, you are eligible for the Arthur Ming Family Scholarship, and to meet the full requirements of the Arthur Ming Scholarship you must also provide the following:**
[(1) A current two-hundred fifty (250) word essay on “Why I want to serve God’s church”
(2) Three (3) current letters of recommendation.

IX. Lurline Clem Scholarship

1. **Are you planning on pursuing a career in full time Christian ministry?** [*YES* or *NO*]
2. **If you answered YES to the question above, please indicate what vocation below (preaching, missionary, minister of music, education, or youth, etc.)** [Indicate which full time ministry that the applicant plans upon studying]
3. **If you answered yes to question one (1) of this section, to meet the full requirements of the Lurline Clem Scholarship you must also provide the following:**
[(1) A current letter stating why you wish to serve God in this vocation.]

X. Ena Kennedy Scholarship

1. **Check one of the higher educational institutes you plan on attending.** [College, University, Seminary, Other, Check all that apply]
2. **If you checked OTHER, please indicate the type of institution of higher education below.**
[Indicate the school/Institution that you plan on attending]

NOTE: All Applications are due in to the Church Office by close of business on June 30, 2010. Applications received after this date will not be considered.