

**MT. ZION TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS**

In a highly competitive world, higher education is an essential ingredient to achievement. However, the rising cost of tuition, room, and board can make it difficult for qualified students to attend college. Each year Mount Zion Baptist Church provides graduating high school seniors who are members of the Mount Zion Baptist Church with tuition assistance to offset the expenses incurred by enrolling in a college, university, or vocational/technical school.

All awards are paid directly to the applicant. Applicants can receive an award up to \$500; \$250 during the first semester and \$250 during the second semester of the first year of school. Passing grades and proof of enrollment in the second semester are required for a student to receive the second semester funding. Submit the additional requirements to the program committee at the end of the first semester.

ELGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Be a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church.
- Be actively serving in at least one Mount Zion ministry within the last two years.
- Have been accepted as a student to an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following:

- A completed application.
- Acceptance letter from a college, university, or vocational/technical school.
- Official High School Transcript with final G.P.A. (must be an original and must be submitted in a sealed envelope).
- Verification of Ministry Participation Form (from Mount Zion Baptist Church ministry leader of the ministry in which you have **actively served within the last two years**. See form for more details).
- Proof of enrollment. Each student must submit written proof of enrollment (i.e. current semester schedule and copy of tuition bill or letter from institution verifying enrollment) after enrolling in school. The documentation can be mailed, faxed or included with packet.

The application deadline is **August 15, 2011**. Completed application packets, including all of the items listed above must be postmarked by the deadline and should be sent to:

**Tuition Assistance Program
Mount Zion Baptist Church
7594 Old Hickory Boulevard
Whites Creek, TN 37189
615-254-5583 fax**

Recipients of the Tuition Assistance award will be notified by August 29, 2011. Awards will be mailed to students by September 5, 2011 or after proof of enrollment (i.e. copy of current semester schedule and copy of tuition bill) is received by the committee.

If you have additional questions, email us at questions@mtzionnashville.org.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Describe your involvement in community activities or service projects.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES List extra-curricular activities and indicate the year(s) of participation.

Name of Activity	Year	Year	Year	Year

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES List the ministry or ministries you have served in at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Name of Ministry	Year	Year	Year	Year

DISCLOSURE

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that would jeopardize my qualification for this award. In addition, all information obtained from this application may be used by the Mt. Zion Tuition Assistance Committee.

Applicants Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

SEND TO:

Mount Zion Baptist Church, C/O Tuition Assistance Committee, 7594 Old Hickory Boulevard, Whites Creek, TN 37189

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Verification of Ministry Participation Form

This form must be completed by the ministry leader who oversees the ministry in which the applicant has actively served within the past two years. Active service is defined as consistently attending Youth Bible Study, Youth Church, and/or Youth Sunday School, consistently participating in Saving Our Daughters or Saving Our Sons, and/or consistently serving in an adult or youth ministry (i.e. Greeters, Ushers, Youth Choir, Youth Dance, Teen Experience, Nursery Volunteer, Children's Church Volunteer, etc).

I _____ verify that _____
(Ministry leader's name, print) (Applicant's first name)

_____ has been actively involved in the _____
(Applicants last name)

_____ Ministry at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, within the past two years.

Ministry Leader's signature

Date

*This form may not be signed by the Youth Directors. The only acceptable signatures are from specific ministry leaders.