**Hickory Grove Baptist Church Annual Scholarship Guidelines**

**2021 Award Year**

**I. Purpose**

Mark and Kathy Erionestablished the Hickory Grove Baptist Church Scholarship fund to provide high school seniors an opportunity to receive assistance in funding their higher education goals. This scholarship was established to recognize seniors who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and desire to better themselves through higher education for their benefit and to the glory of God.

**II. Scope**

AllHGBC members who are graduating high school seniors are eligible to participate.

**III. Terms**

1. An award is granted to each recipient for one academic year and must be applied towards ***college related expenses*** (tuition, room and board, books, or fees). This is a onetime award only. In addition, students receiving fully paid scholarships from other sources are not eligible to apply. To date 22 awards have been made totaling nearly $18,000.

B. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Erion family designated representatives, “HGBC Scholarship Committee.” To maintain independence and objectivity some committee members are **not** members of HGBC and do not attend HGBC.

C. Recipients will be selected based upon the following:

* An essay describing their relationship with Jesus,
* Scholastic achievement (note: no minimum GPA required)
* Extra-curricular activities with an emphasis on HGBC involvement. Other community involvement is considered but to a lesser degree.
* 2 Recommendations
  + Educational: a high school counselor, principal or teacher.
  + Personal: not a family member and not a current HGBC pastor.

D. Scholarship awards will be communicated by letter to the applicant.

**IV. Eligibility**

A. Qualified applicants must be a member of HGBC and a graduating high school senior who will be attending college following high school graduation.

1. The recipient must use the scholarship award for the enrollment year in which it is granted.

E. If the recipient fails to fulfill any of the above terms, the first eligible alternate will be awarded the scholarship.

**V. Procedure**

The scholarship application may be found on the HGBC website. All applications must be returned to the **church office by** **Monday, April 26, 2021**. Scholarship checks will be made payable directly to the college or university the recipient will attend.

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**Hickory Grove Baptist Church Scholarship Application**

**Application Form**

**Due April 26, 2021**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How Long a HGBC Member \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or date of HGBC Membership: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

College/university to which you have applied / been accepted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant Date

**To the Applicant:**

1. Provide a one page letter to the committee to include
   1. How Jesus makes a difference in your daily life.
   2. Why you are applying for this scholarship.
   3. Include other information you’d like the committee to know.
2. Provide a resume to include:
   1. HGBC involvement
   2. Extracurricular Activities
   3. Work Experience
   4. Community involvement
   5. Academic
      1. ACT/SAT scores.
      2. GPA.
      3. Honors/Awards.
3. Provide a copy of your transcript and class rank (if available) information from your school.
4. Provide two letters of recommendation, one from an educator (teacher, principal, or counselor) and one personal (not a family member and not a current HGBC pastor).

**Questions? Please contact Mark Erion at: mark\_erion@hotmail.com or 859-466-5679 (mobile)**.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*NOTE TO THE APPLICANT - Before You Submit Your Application, Double Check To Make Sure You Have Included All Documents Requested Above\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Thank You**