

Shiloh 2025 Scholarship Criteria and Application

Application Deadline – May 18, 2025

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Environmental Award For students in grades 5-12 Please use form linked in the criteria for this award, <u>and not the regular scholarship application form.</u>	\$500	n/a	No	No	<i>US citizen or eligible non-citizen or eligible non-citizen (permanent resident of US) and resident of Washington, DC metropolitan area; must be the creator of, or a major participant in a project related to environmental sustainability; must submit: (i) completed application form (USE THIS FORM), (ii) one-page essay describing environmental sustainability project (may supplement with photographs or other graphics); (iii) letter of recommendation from advisor for project – e.g. teacher or adult leading project activities</i>



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The Rev. Dr. Wallace Charles and Attorney G. Elaine Smith ‘Excellence in Education Scholarship’ Award	\$5,000.00	Cum 3.7	No	No	<p><i>United States citizen or eligible non-citizen (permanent resident of the US) and resident of the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Must be a Shiloh member or active participant in a program or ministry, available to full-time undergraduate (12+ credit hours or equivalent course load), postgraduate, and seminary students. Study required at an accredited undergraduate, postgraduate, and/or seminary institution.</i></p> <p>Must submit the following: (i) a completed application form, (ii) a one-page essay regarding your personal experience of spiritual faith, tell us how your faith helped you overcome challenges and your reasons for pursuing a college education, (iii) an official transcript, and (iv) two letters of recommendation (one must be a teacher, or administrator from your school or educational institution, and one from a Shiloh member).</p>



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William and Mabel Baylor Award	Max \$5,000	Cum. 3.0	No	No	Highest academic average among current applicants; <i>Shiloh member</i> ; must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) official transcript, (iii) one page essay describing your long- and short-term goals, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh)
Harmon Taylor Award	Max \$6,000 (\$1,250 /yr for 4 yrs)	Cum. 2.5	No	Yes, for up to 4 years of undergraduate study (must maintain cum 2.5 GPA)	<i>Shiloh member</i> ; for initial application, must submit: (i) completed application form—applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and commitment to, and leadership in, volunteer service—at Shiloh and in the larger community; (ii) official transcript, (iii) 2 brief (one page) essays— (1) Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart and (2) Briefly describe your long- and short-term goals, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh); to renew, must provide official transcript to show proof of continued eligibility.



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Goldman Barksdale Award	Amount may vary	Cum. 3.0	No	No	Must be class valedictorian; <i>Shiloh member</i> ; must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) official transcript, (iii) one page essay describing your long- and short-term goals, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh)
Dr. Harry Roberson Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Max \$5,000 (\$2,500 / semester)	Cum. 2.5	No	No	<i>Shiloh member or active participant in program sponsored by Shiloh and/or its affiliates</i> (e.g., the Henry C. Gregory, III Family Life Center), <i>preference to applicants intending to pursue studies at an HBCU</i> ; available for full-time (12+ credit hours or equivalent course load) study in business or finance at accredited college / university by incoming freshman or current undergraduate (see below); must submit: (i) completed application form; (ii) one page essay—a personal statement of faith describing the impact of Christianity in your life and your reasons for pursuing a college education; (iii) official transcript; (iv) 2



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<p>Male Youth Project Scholarship in memory of Gerard O. Bingham ("MYP")**</p>	<p>Min \$1,000 (for student pursuing Bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree); Min \$500 (for student pursuing vocational education or Associate's degree)</p>	<p>Cum 2.0</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No; Must reapply to receive additional awards.</p>	<p><i>US citizen or eligible non-citizen or eligible non-citizen (permanent resident of US) and resident of Washington, DC metropolitan area; must submit: (i) completed application form; (ii) one-page essay addressing two of the following topics—(A) What are your aspirations and why? (B) What is community service, and what does it mean to you? (C) How do you define mentoring? (iii) official transcript; (iv) two letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member, administrator, or staff member at your school) letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member, administrator, or staff member at your school)</i></p>



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The Isabelle Robinson Hammond Music and Fine Arts Scholarship	Min. \$1,500	Cum. 3.0	No	No	<i>US citizen or eligible non-citizen (permanent resident of US) and resident of Washington, DC metropolitan area ; available for full-time (12+ credit hours or equivalent course load) study at accredited college/university/music or performing arts school by incoming freshman or current undergraduate (see below); must submit: (i) completed application form; (ii) one page essay describing how your proposed major or concentration in music or fine arts will help you achieve your career goals; (iii) official transcript; (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one must be teacher, administrator or staff member at your school)</i>
Environmental Stewardship Scholarship	\$1,500	Cum. 2.5	No	No	<i>US citizen or eligible non-citizen or eligible non-citizen (permanent resident of US) and resident of Washington, DC metropolitan area; must intend to pursue (as a major or a minor) studies related to the improvement or sustainability of the environment; must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) one-page essay on how</i>



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Shiloh Academic—Pryde Prize	Min. \$1,500	Cum. 3.0	No	No	<i>Shiloh member; must submit:</i> (i) completed application form, (ii) official transcript, (iii) one-page essay describing your long- and short-term goals, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh)
Henry C. Gregory, III Award (sponsored by Gospel Choir)**	Max. \$2,000	Cum. 2.7	Yes	No	<i>Shiloh member; must submit:</i> (i) completed application form, (ii) 500 word essay “Why I Deserve the Henry C. Gregory, III Scholarship Award,” (iii) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh), and (iv) official transcript



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Carter G. Woodson Award	Min. \$1,000	None	No	No	<i>Shiloh member or active participant in program sponsored by Shiloh and/or its affiliates —e.g., the Henry C. Gregory, III Family Life Center--</i> must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) one page essay on the significance of Carter G. Woodson in American history, (iii) official transcript, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh)
Evelyn L Hider Scholarship	Min. \$1,000	Cum 2.5	No	No	Shiloh member; must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) official transcript, (iii) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh); and (iv) one-page essay describing your long- and short-term goals
Shiloh Book Prize	Min. \$800	Cum. 2.0	No	No	<i>Shiloh member;</i> must submit: (i) completed application



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Earl L. Harrison Memorial Award	Min. \$1,250	2.5	No	No	<i>For study at divinity school, member of Christian faith (preferably Baptist), preference to Shiloh members and / or persons active in programs sponsored by Shiloh and/or its affiliates; must submit: (i) completed application form, including evidence of previous community service, (ii) 500-word essay, "What inspires</i>



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					me to pursue a divinity degree?”, (iii) 2 letters of recommendation (including one from his/her pastor evidencing commitment to church work), and (iv) official transcript
Shiloh Academic Accomplishment Award	Min. \$1,000	Cum. 3.0	No	No	<i>For undergraduate or graduate student who has been an active member of Shiloh; must submit:</i> (i) completed application form, (ii) official transcript, (iii) one page essay on your education goals and career aspirations, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh)
Graduate Research Scholarship	Max. \$1,000	None	No	No	<i>For graduate student in any field of study who is a member of Shiloh;</i> must be presently enrolled in postbaccalaureate degree program at an accredited academic institution; must be engaged in research activities required for thesis/dissertation; must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) itemized budget



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Grigsby Family Educators Award	\$1,000	2.75	No	No	<i>For undergraduate student in any field of study who is a member of Shiloh; must submit: (i) completed application form—will pay close attention to community service involvement, activities and experiences that reflect innovation, (ii) short essay describing a unique experience from your undergraduate career and how it helped to shape who you are today, (iii) official transcript, and (iv) 2 letters of recommendation (one from Shiloh and one from a person outside of Shiloh)</i>



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Dr. Samuel Metters and Mrs. Bettye K. Metters Scholarship	At least \$500	3.0 / 2.5 (if deaf or hard of hearing)	Yes	No	<i>For full-time student pursuing undergraduate studies or studies in theology at an accredited institution; must meet one or more of the following criteria (in rank order)—(i) be deaf or hard of hearing and maintain cumulative GPA of at least 2.5; (ii) be a member of Shiloh or an active participant in a program sponsored by Shiloh or its affiliates (e.g., the Henry C. Gregory, III Family Life Center); (iii) have participated in Boy Scouts of America and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, or Girl Scouts of America and earned the Gold Award; be enrolled in an HBCU; must submit: (i) completed application form, (ii) official transcript, and (iii) 2 letters</i>



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- * Using 4-point scale
- **Awardee selected by MYP Board
- ***Awardee selected by Shiloh Gospel Choir