

THE BISHOP WILBERT J. WATKINS, SR. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The ***Bishop Wilbert J. Watkins, Sr. Youth Scholarship*** will be awarded annually to an outstanding student in The Higher Ground Always Assemblies, Inc Organization. This student has distinguished himself/herself in the following areas: academic performance, school activities, community activities, And local church activities.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Completion of High School (GED) or at least one year of college, or
2. Completion of at least 2 semesters/quarters of career school or trade school.
3. Must be under 30 years of age.
4. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (A copy of an official, sealed, school transcript should accompany this application).
5. Three letters of recommendation from:
 - a. The Senior Pastor or Youth Leader.
 - b. A representative of the community, i.e. employer, activities director, neighbor, etc.
 - c. A professor/teacher in regards to your academic performance.
6. Application must be postmarked **no later than** Wednesday, July 20, 2016.
7. Applicant must register and attend college within one year of receiving scholarship.
8. Scholarship monies will be provided after college registration has occurred and class schedule has been received by our office.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____

College/University/Career School: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____

Local Church: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Pastor: _____

School Activities - Please list:

Community Activities – Please list:

Church Activities – Please list:

Please write an essay form paper to the following topic: “Why you wish to obtain a college education and why you are deserving of a scholarship.” The essay must be at **least 500 words, typed and double-spaced**. We highly recommend that essays be written based on the following criteria: Grammar and Usage, Spelling, Capitalization, and Punctuation. Attached is a Recommendations page that may help in this writing process.

Candidate’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail together the application, school transcript(s), and essay to:

Leslie Smith
870 St. Clair Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201

Please do not write below this line.

Scholarship Board Only:

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT

***The Higher Ground National Youth Conference '2016'
Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies
870 St. Clair Avenue – Columbus OH 43201***

***Thursday, July 28 – Saturday, July 30
(Recipient must be present to receive award)***

Recommendations

Your essay should be persuasive. When you write to persuade, your goal is for your audience to take action — or at least, to want to take action — The information that you provide in your essay should explain why you should be the candidate of choice. Below are some things that could be included:

1. Make a list of all your accomplishments.
2. Develop a list of your extracurricular activities.
3. Write down the three accomplishments of which you are the most proud.
4. Think of a problem that you have faced and write down how you were able to overcome it.
5. Put in writing your career goals, or your reason for wanting to attend college.
6. Pretend that you had to write a letter of recommendation for yourself. Write down the three most important things you would say.

Armed with this list of your best traits, accomplishments, and goals, you're on your way to writing a winning essay!

When tackling an essay, there are several steps that will help in the writing process:

1. Brainstorm ideas—look at the topic and write down some ideas relating to it.
2. Outline—this helps put ideas into a coherent order.
3. Write a good introduction—you want to capture the reader's attention from the start.
4. Write coherent, strong content throughout your essay.
5. Make sure the conclusion brings it all together.
6. Write what you know. Your voice will come through if the essay is about something you know, love or care about.

Please make sure that your essay is well written, on-topic, sounds sincere, and is free of typographical errors. No matter what you end up saying about yourself, be sure to proofread it very carefully. It's always a great idea to have someone else double check for spelling, grammar, and mechanical errors.