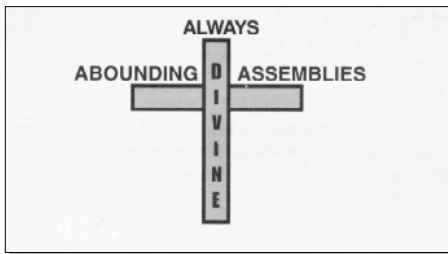


APPLICATION FOR The Bishop Wilbert J. Watkins, Sr. Youth Scholarship



The ***Bishop Wilbert J. Watkins, Sr. Youth Scholarship*** will be awarded annually to an outstanding student of the organization of Higher Ground Always Assemblies, Inc. who 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 22, 2015.
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: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

College/University/Career School: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____

Local Church: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ St.: _____ Zip Code: _____

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 RECEIPANT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT
The Higher Ground National Youth Conference ‘2015’
Westin Huntsville - Huntsville, AL
Thursday – Saturday, July30 – August 1
(Recipient must be present to receive award)

Recommendations

Essays should SELL you, to convince the reader to invest in your future. In order to obtain this “buy in,” you should not be afraid to “Toot Your Own Horn.” Below are some items 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. Of course 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.

You have to 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.