

**CHARLES & WINSTONIA MCKESSON SMITH
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
185 EDDIE ROBINSON SR. DRIVE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802**

Dear Applicant:

The Scholarship Committee of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church invites you to apply for the **Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial** scholarship that will be awarded in **July or August** of this year. The scholarships are awarded based upon grade point average, church/school/club participation, economic need, letter of recommendation from teacher/school principal, essay on what the church means to you, and application typed and neatly completed.

Please complete your application on-line. Applications can be found on Shiloh's web site at www.shilohbr.com. Please email your application to bkenne3@outlook.com, or mail to Chairperson Kennedy at P. O. Box 80025, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-0025 before the deadline. The deadline to return applications on-line or by mail is May 31, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact any one of the persons listed below.

Dr. Betty Kennedy, Chairperson
225-927-5513
Bkenne3@outlook.com

Mrs. Iris Walker, Secretary
225-939-0468

Enclosure

**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLES & WINSTONIA MCKESSON SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

STEPS THAT NEED YOUR ATTENTION

1. Please fill out every blank in your scholarship application. This includes complete addresses and zip codes. Incomplete applications will be penalized 10 points. Handwritten applications will be penalized 10 points.
2. Please submit a **transcript on or before June 15, 2021 to verify your grade point average.**
3. Complete the required 200-250-word double-spaced essay. Essays are evaluated for content and quality of writing (spelling, grammar, punctuation).
4. **Applications must be received by Wednesday, May 31, 2021 via email to bkenne3@outlook.com or by mail to Chairperson Kennedy at P. O. Box 80025 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-0025. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. Be sure to circle the total income of the entire household. If you do not circle an answer, you will not receive any points in this category.
6. On the application, indicate the total number of persons in the household supported by parents/guardians/applicant and/or spouse, if applicable.
7. **All letters of recommendation must be signed by the teacher/school principal, Sunday school/Bible study teacher, pastor or his/her designee, or ministry leader to be accepted.**
8. Please include a current or preferably graduation photo when submitting your application.

**CHARLES & WINSTONIA MCKESSON SMITH
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

I. OVERVIEW

Rev. Charles T. Smith implemented the Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial Scholarship program in 1986. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 was awarded. A scholarship committee appointed by the pastor administers the program.

II. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE

- A. To set up guidelines governing the scholarship program.
- B. To design instruments for evaluating applicants in an objective manner.
- C. To annually publicize the Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith scholarship program.
- D. To annually select a recipient based on a set of objective criteria.
- E. To periodically evaluate the Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith scholarship program.

III. FINANCING OF PROGRAM

The Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial Fund was set up and funded by the Rev. Charles T. Smiths' Family. This scholarship has been changed to the Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial Scholarship and is funded by Pastor Fred Jeff Smith and Attorney Soncere Smith Clark.

IV. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Beginning in 2014, the amount of the scholarship was increased to \$3000.00. **In June 2019, Rev. Fred Jeff Smith and Attorney Soncere Smith Clark implemented the Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial Scholarship and increased the amount to \$6,000.00.**

V. REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- A. Must be a member of a Christian Church for at least one year as evidenced by a letter from the pastor/designee.
- B. Must be a certified college junior, senior or graduate student as evidenced by an official transcript.
- C. Must have a grade point average of at least **2.5** GPA as evidenced by an official transcript.

VI. GUIDELINES FOR AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

- A. All interested persons must fill out an application and submit it to the scholarship committee by a deadline set by the committee.
- B. An official transcript for the last two semesters must accompany the application.
- C. **Letters are emailed to ministry leaders requesting information on each applicant for verification.**

- D. After all information is back, the committee meets to determine the recipient of the scholarship.
- E. The committee evaluates each applicant based on a set of criteria previously adopted by the committee. The criteria are attached.
- F. Other than the grade point average, the information reported on the applications are classified as being true.
- G. After points are totaled for each applicant, the applicant's name and total points are listed, and the recipient is announced. No committee member can determine the recipient until an applicant's points have been totaled.
- H. The name of the scholarship recipient is withheld until the Sunday that the scholarship is awarded.
- I. The recipient of the scholarship may collect the scholarship upon presentation of verification that he/she is accepted in school.
- J. If a ministry/auxiliary has only been in existence for six (6) months or less, it will not be considered for that year.
- K. Must exhibit active church/school/club participation (recommendation letters from pastor or his/her designee, teacher/school principal and/or ministry leader).
- L. A **recipient** of a Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial Scholarship **cannot** apply again; however, **an applicant who did not win may reapply the following year. NOTE, an applicant cannot apply for or be awarded more than one scholarship per year that is administered by the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church!**
- M. A member of the Shiloh Scholarship Committee may apply for the Charles & Winstonia McKesson Smith Memorial Scholarship; however, he/she may not participate in the evaluation process.

VII. **PROCEDURE FOR BREAKING TIES**

In case of a tie, the person with the greatest economic need would be declared the recipient. If this is the same, the person who is more actively involved in church work will come before the other. If everything is the same, the committee will vote to break the tie and the recipient will be given 1 point.

VIII. **PENALTIES**

- A. Incomplete applications will be penalized ten points.
- B. Handwritten applications will be penalized ten points.

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FRED JEFF SMITH, PASTOR**

**CHARLES & WINSTONIA MCKESSON SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

PLEASE SUBMIT A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT On or Before June 15, 2021.

DIRECTIONS: This application must be typed. All sections must be completed. **Type**
N/A if question does not apply.

INDICATE YOUR STATUS: (circle one) COLLEGE JUNIOR

COLLEGE SENIOR

GRADUATE STUDENT

Name _____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____

Birthdate _____ Sex _____ Marital Status _____

Your Grade Point Average: _____

Name of University Attending _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Father/Guardian Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Mother/Guardian Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Do you live with both parents? _____ If not, with whom? _____

Total number supported by parents or guardian _____ (including parents)

For Married Applicants

Spouse's Name _____

Of what church are you a member? _____

Pastor's Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

When did you join church? Month _____ Year _____

Church Auxiliaries/Ministries in which you are or have been active in the current and previous year. Be sure to include Sunday school and/or Bible Study. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet. (8 points)

Auxiliary/Ministry

Sponsor or President

Include letter from sponsor or ministry leader that can attest to how active you have been in an auxiliary/ministry in the current and previous year. (7 points)

List school and community clubs/organizations in which you have been active in the last year. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet. (8 points)

Club/Organization(s)

List awards that you have received in the last year. (7 points)

Awards

Essay

Indicate in essay form (200-250 words), double-spaced, how the church has been or is an influential factor in your life. Also, indicate how you expect to use the church's teaching in your future life. (Attach separate sheet) (20 points)

Letter of Recommendation

Attach letter of recommendation from your pastor or his/her designee. Letter must be on church letterhead. (Attach separate sheet) (10 points)

Total number supported by parents or guardian (including self) _____

Total number supported by applicant _____ and or spouse _____ (include self)

Applicant's income (if any) _____

To certify that the information given on this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, please sign below:

Your signature _____ Date _____

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR APPLICANT.

Combined income of entire household. (Circle One) **You must circle one in order to qualify for points.**

Under	\$10,000	\$50,001 - \$60,000
\$10,001 -	\$20,000	\$60,001 - \$70,000
\$20,001 -	\$30,000	\$70,001 - \$80,000
\$30,001 -	\$40,000	\$80,001 - \$90,000
\$40,001 -	\$50,000	\$90,000 - \$100,000
	\$100,001 Above	

Attest:

I hereby certify that this information is true, accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will cooperate with the committee's effort to verify the information if it becomes necessary.

Parents/Guardians Signature _____ Date _____

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Fred Jeff Smith, Pastor
Mrs. Betty Fisher
Mr. Clarence Jefferson
Mrs. Je'ne Jones
Mrs. Thelma Jones
Dr. Betty Kennedy, Chairperson
Mrs. Rose Thomas
Mrs. Carmen Victorian
Mrs. Iris Walker, Secretary
Mrs. Tonya Young

Rev. Jennifer Jones-Bridget, Director of Charitable Foundation

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EVALUATION SHEET

APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

Number of Points Received

_____ I. **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

(Maximum 10 points)

Grade Point Average

2.5 - 2.9 4 pts _____

3.0 - 3.4 6 pts _____

3.5 - 3.7 8 pts _____

3.8 - 4.0 10 pts _____

_____ II. **CHURCH AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**
(Maximum 30 points)

A. Church (15 points)

1. Letter from church sponsor (7 points total) _____

2. Ministry activities (8 points total, 1 point each) _____

B. School/Community (15 points)

1. Club participation in the last year (8 points total) _____

2. Awards in the last year (7 points total) _____

_____ III. **ECONOMIC NEED (Maximum 30 points)**

Determined by scale based on income and
number of dependents

_____ IV. **APPLICATION COMPLETE AND NEATLY SUBMITTED**
(Maximum 5 points)

_____ V. **PERSONAL STATEMENTS (Maximum 30 points)**

A. Letter of Recommendation from pastor or his/her designee
(10 points) _____

B. Essay (20 points) _____

_____ VI. **LESS PENALTIES**

Incomplete Application _____ **(10 points)**

Handwritten Application _____ **(10 points)**

_____ VII. **TOTAL POINTS RECEIVED**

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ECONOMIC NEED SCALE

INCOME	DEPENDENTS				
	1	2-3	4-5	6-7	8 or more
Below 10,000	30	30	30	30	30
10,001 - 20,000	29	29	30	30	30
20,001 - 30,000	27	28	30	30	30
30,001 - 40,000	25	27	29	30	30
40,001 - 50,000	23	26	28	30	30
50,001 - 60,000	21	25	27	30	30
60,001 - 70,000	19	24	26	30	30
70,001 - 80,000	17	23	25	29	30
80,001 - 90,000	15	22	24	28	30
90,001 - 100,000	13	21	23	27	29
100,001 - Above	12	20	22	26	29