

First Baptist Barlow Scholarship Program (First-Time Applicant Application)

Which application do I need?

First-Time Applicant Application- These applications are for graduating seniors or for college students who have never applied for a scholarship through First Baptist Church Barlow before.

Scholarship Renewal Application- These applications are for students who have previously been awarded a scholarship through the First Baptist Church Barlow scholarship program in the past. A “Scholarship Renewal Application” must be turned in each year in order to be considered for a continuing scholarship.

Please make sure you are filling out the correct application. If you have any questions, call the church office at: 270-334-3555

The First Baptist Church of Barlow is the administrator of five scholarships.

The scholarships are:

Dathel Crews Norment Scholarship, Thomas Taylor Norment Scholarship, Eva Sanders Moore Scholarship
Darrel E. “Preacher” Moore Scholarship, Jerry D. and Connie S. Moore Scholarship

The scholarships are to recognize students who are Ballard County residents and members of a Ballard County church that have demonstrated a record of attendance at church services and activities, good moral, ethical character, and have completed high school with a GPA and test scores necessary to continue their education.

Please read through the “applicant criteria” first to make sure you qualify to be considered for a scholarship

Applications must be returned to BMHS office by March 28, 2025 or mailed to First Baptist Church Barlow and postmarked by March 28, 2025.

Return to:

BMHS Guidance Office

or

First Baptist Church Barlow

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

PO Box 160

Barlow KY 42024

First-Time Applicant Scholarship Criteria:

The following criteria **MUST** be met for consideration of the following scholarships:

Dathel Crews Norment Scholarship

Thomas Taylor Norment Scholarship

Eva Sanders Moore Scholarship

Darrel E. "Preacher" Moore Scholarship

Jerry D. and Connie S. Moore Scholarship

- Are you a Ballard County resident? _____ YES _____ NO

* At the time of the original application, applicant should be a resident of Ballard County, Kentucky for at least one year. Re-application for follow on scholarships does not have this residency requirement. The First Baptist Church of Barlow may petition Jerry and/or Connie Moore for a specific exemption to the Ballard County, Kentucky residency requirement with supporting evidence that would justify such an exemption.

- Are you a member of a Ballard County church? _____ YES _____ NO

○ If Yes, please list the church you are a member of _____

- Are you actively involved in your local church? _____ YES _____ NO

- Do you have a grade point average of at least 2.7? _____ YES _____ NO

- Do you have an ACT Score of at least **22** or equivalent SAT score? _____ YES _____ NO

- Do you have a demonstrated work ethic such as summer or part-time jobs, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, etc? _____ YES _____ NO

If you have answered **NO** to any of the above questions, we are sorry, but you do not qualify for the First Baptist Barlow Scholarship Program at this time.

If you answered **YES** to all of the above questions, then you qualify to be considered for a scholarship and may proceed with the application process.

Applicant should carefully read through the application and administration of the scholarship program.

If **ANY** of the documents or requested information is not included with the application the applicant **WILL BE ELIMINATED** from consideration.

First-Time Applicant Scholarship Checklist

Use the following checklist before turning in your application to make sure you have all of the requested information.

Reminder: If **ANY** of the documents or requested information is not included with the application the applicant **WILL BE ELIMINATED** from consideration.

- Fill out your name, address, and high school attended information
- Include an **Official** transcript with most recent GPA
- List the church you are a member of and give a brief testimony of how you came to faith in Christ
- Describe how you are involved in your local church
- List work experience
- Briefly describe any extracurricular activities, community service, or volunteer work that you have participated in
- Include a copy of ACT or SAT test results
- Fill out the Utilization of Scholarship portion of application
- Included an essay on college and career plans
- Included two reference letters. One from a pastor or leader in your local church and one from a teacher, manager, or supervisor.
- Signed and dated application
- Turned into school office or postmarked on time

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BARLOW

FIRST-TIME APPLICANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____, _____
Last Name First Name MI

Permanent Address:

Street or PO Box Telephone Number
_____, _____
City State Zip Years Living in Ballard County

High School Attended:

High School Grade Point Average
_____, _____
City State Zip

***MUST Provide an Official Transcript with most recent GPA**

Church Membership:

Name of Church Location Pastor Date Joined

Please give a brief testimony of how you came to faith in Christ: (Use separate sheet if needed)

Please describe how you are involved in your local church: (Use separate sheet if needed)

Work Experience:

_____	_____	_____	___/___/___	-	___/___/___
Company	Position	Manager	Start Date		End Date
_____	_____	_____	___/___/___	-	___/___/___
Company	Position	Manager	Start Date		End Date
_____	_____	_____	___/___/___	-	___/___/___
Company	Position	Manager	Start Date		End Date

Briefly describe any extracurricular activities, community service, or volunteer work that you have participated in:

College Admission Testing: Please attach a copy of your ACT or SAT test results.

Utilization of Scholarship:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Institution	Location	Major	Expected Graduation Date
Requested Beginning Date of Scholarship:		Date: <u> / / </u>	

College and Career Plan Essay:

Please attach a written summary of your college and career plans. Summary should include the following topics: 1) Why you are choosing your specific major, 2) Sources of financial support, including other scholarships and work plans for college, 3) What type of job would you like to have when you graduate from college, and other areas that you wish to include.

References:

Please include in application **TWO Reference Letters.**

One from a pastor or leader in your local church and one from a teacher, manager, or supervisor.

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
Name	Address	Phone Number	Relationship
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
Name	Address	Phone Number	Relationship

Other Information: Provide any other information you would like to be considered in the review and selections process.

Applicant Signature

_____	<u> / / </u>
Name	Date

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BARLOW

CRITERIA FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

1. GENERAL

The following scholarships,

- **Eva Sanders Moore Scholarship Program**
- **Dathel Crews Norment Scholarship Program**
- **Darrell E. "Preacher" Moore Scholarship Program**
- **Thomas Taylor Norment Scholarship Program**
- **Jerry Don and Connie Norment Moore Scholarship Program**

were created by charitable gifts, held and managed by the Southern Baptist Foundation, as endowment funds to provide income for use in awarding college tuition and living expense scholarships.

The criteria established in this document were developed by the Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the originators of the endowments, and were shared with the Southern Baptist Foundation. The intent of this effort was to provide more consistency and fairness in the review and selection processes and the awarding of the scholarships.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The First Baptist Church of Barlow congregation administers the Scholarship Program through a **Scholarship Committee**. The church congregation determines the committee's size, number of members and the length of terms. Membership is typically composed of the following:

- 1) Pastor (ad hoc member)
- 2) One or more deacons
- 3) At-large members

The **Scholarship Committee** may request the County School Superintendent of Education, High School Guidance Counselors, Teachers, or others for assistance in the evaluation of the credentials for the scholarship candidates.

The **Scholarship Committee** determines how applications should be solicited, received, processed, evaluated, etc.

If for any reason, the First Baptist Church of Barlow cannot administer the Scholarship Program, the Southern Baptist Foundation must be notified.

Subsequently, the Foundation will solicit and approve another Southern Baptist Church located in Ballard County, Kentucky to administer the program.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship applications and the submission procedures are available online at www.fbcbarrow.com, or from the First Baptist Church of Barlow. Applications are accepted **once per year** at a time determined by the **Scholarship Committee**. First time applicants submit an application tailored for new high school graduates. College students applying for a continuing scholarship submit updated information using a different application form. In either case, i.e., first year or continuing, the application process is valid for the upcoming fall semester, **and** for conditional consideration of a continuing scholarship for the spring semester. Consideration in the spring requires submission of grade reports and other information specified by the **Scholarship Committee**.

The **Scholarship Committee** determines the notification dates, interviews, evaluation methods, and final selection of applicants. The scholarship award amounts are determined by the procedures of **SECTION 6**, and the **APPENDIX**.

It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of each applicant to ensure that:

- 1) **The Application is accurately and fully completed**
- 2) **The Application is submitted by the deadline**

The **Scholarship Committee WILL NOT**:

- 1) Return inaccurate/incomplete applications or request missing information
- 2) **Accept** for consideration any applications received after the **deadline**

However, the Scholarship Committee may host a meeting with applicants and provide information and guidance in completing the application form.

4. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

First year applicants and the continuing college student applicants, (undergraduate, graduate or professional), are evaluated for **SELECTION** by the **Scholarship Committee** according to the following **CRITERIA**.

4.1 FIRST YEAR APPLICANT SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1) Demonstrated behavior that publicly exemplifies Christian character
- 2) Demonstrated academic ability in high school with an overall grade point average of at least, 2.7 out of 4.0. The **Scholarship Committee** may by unanimous vote, change this value anywhere in a range of 2.7 to 3.3
- 3) Demonstrated high score on college entrance examinations, e.g., an **ACT Composite Score** of at least 21, or a comparable **SAT Critical Reading + Math Single Score**. The **Scholarship Committee** may by unanimous vote, change this value anywhere in a range of 20 to 25
- 4) Demonstrated work ethic such as summer or part-time jobs, extracurricular activities in high school or college, volunteer work, etc.
- 5) Resident of Ballard County, Kentucky for at least one year at the time of the original application. Re-application for follow-on scholarships does not have this residency requirement.

6) A Christian with demonstrated active church membership. Preference in **SELECTION** of qualified candidates is given to members of the following churches located in Barlow, KY:

- First Baptist Church of Barlow.
- United Methodist Church of Barlow
- General Baptist Church of Barlow,

and then from

- Other Southern Baptist affiliated churches in Ballard County, Kentucky

and then from

- Other churches in Ballard County, Kentucky

7) Ancestors or descendants of Eva Sanders Moore, Darrell E. Moore, Dathel Crews Norment, Thomas Taylor Norment, or Jerry Don Moore and Connie Norment Moore are **NOT eligible** for consideration.

8) Recommendation(s) must be positive and provided from one or more teachers, counselors, co-workers, work supervisors, church members, etc. These recommendation letters should be provided as specified in the application instructions

9) Should be entering, or continuing, in a college program with a high probability of finding a related job upon graduation, e.g., teaching, agriculture, pharmacy, nursing, premed, engineering, Christian ministry, etc. Lower priority should be given to Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Arts, etc.

10) First time applicants must plan on taking full time course loads, (at least 12 semester hours), at the selected college program.

11) Preferential consideration in **SELECTION** is given to qualified candidates who are interested in attending an **ACCREDITED** program at colleges or universities located in the State of Kentucky. Additional preference is given to the following Universities:

University of Kentucky
Murray State University

University of Louisville
Western Kentucky University

12) Preferential consideration in **SELECTION** is given to candidates who are attending out-of-state programs, **when** the candidate demonstrates that the desired vocationally oriented program is not available in Kentucky, **or** if the candidate is able to obtain a waiver of out-of-state tuition. Then consideration is given as though the institutions were in the State of Kentucky. Additional preference is given to these out-of-state Universities:

Mississippi State University
Auburn University

The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa)
Missouri University of Science and Technology

4.2 CONTINUATION-OF-SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

In addition to the **SELECTION CRITERIA** of Section 4.1, additional criteria for **SELECTION** of a continuation scholarship are:

- 1) Demonstrated continued active church affiliation at either their home church or at a church located at or near the University
- 2) Demonstrated continued behavior that publicly exemplifies Christian character

- 3) Continuing students must successfully complete full time course loads, (at least 12 semester hours), for continuing scholarship consideration.
- 4) Maintained college academic grade point averages, (GPA), of both:
 1. A last school term attended GPA of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0 system. The **Scholarship Committee** may by unanimous vote, change this value anywhere in a range of 2.7 to 3.3
 2. A cumulative GPA of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0 system. The **Scholarship Committee** may by unanimous vote, change this value anywhere in a range of 2.7 to 3.3

Failure to meet these requirements results in a lack of eligibility for continuation of a scholarship award. However, once the last term attended and a cumulative GPA are again elevated above or equal to a 2.7 on a 4.0 system, a new application can be submitted for a continuation scholarship. The **Scholarship Committee** may by unanimous vote, change this value anywhere in a range of 2.7 to 3.3

- 5) Maintained enrollment in the undergraduate, graduate or professional oriented major program **and** institution initially approved by the **Scholarship Committee**. If a student changes majors, or institutions, it is their responsibility to submit a new application for consideration by the **Scholarship Committee**

5. DESIGNATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The recipient of the scholarship will be identified as either an

- 1) **Eva Sanders Moore Scholar**
- 2) **Darrell E. Moore Scholar**
- 3) **Dathel Crews Norment Scholar**
- 4) **Thomas Taylor Norment Scholar**
- 5) **Jerry Don and Connie Norment Moore Scholar**

With the recipient's permission, the **Scholarship Committee** will attempt to give recognition in the local newspapers, at high school award day, at a church sponsored recognition ceremony, etc. A plaque or other suitable listing of recipients may be created, (should not be paid for with scholarship funds), and displayed at Ballard Memorial High School, and/or at the church where the recipient attends.

6. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS AND DESIGNATIONS

6.1 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS

The dollars available for scholarship awards depends on the investment growth, interest and expenses experienced by the **Endowment Fund** being held and managed by the Southern Baptist Foundation, and other criteria provided below. Typically, the Southern Baptist Foundation distributes the scholarship amounts in July of each year, and in December of each year. These distribution times can be changed by officially requesting the Southern Baptist Foundation to make such changes, but such changes would impact the period of time for the earnings to be accumulated in the funds. The First Baptist Church of Barlow can award scholarships from these distributions at any time during the following 18 months. The July distribution is primarily used to award scholarships for the fall semester. The December distribution is used to primarily award scholarships for the spring semester. The scholarship award amount varies depending on:

- 1) The dollar amounts received from the Southern Baptist Foundation
- 2) How many scholarship recipients are selected

- 3) Whether the recipient is a Christian and active member of the specified Churches in Barlow, or another Church located in Ballard County
- 4) Whether the recipient is a first year student, or applying for a continuing scholarship. Note: College students applying for a scholarship for the first time must meet all criteria for first year students and continuing students. They will be considered under **Section 4.2 CONTINUATION-OF-SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA**
- 5) There is a maximum award amount of \$7,000 per award period for any one scholarship, i.e., fall awards or spring awards

If the student **withdraws** from classes at the university within the **tuition-refund** period, the awarded scholarship funds should be returned to the First Baptist Church of Barlow and used for other scholarship recipients.

The Scholarship Committee implements the above procedure to determine the amount of a scholarship award per the details provided in Appendix A.

6.2 SCHOLARSHIP DESIGNATIONS

The following Scholarship Programs

Eva Sanders Moore Scholarship Program
Dathel Crews Norment Scholarship Program
Darrell E. "Preacher" Moore Scholarship Program
Thomas Taylor Norment Scholarship Program

are kept separated and one scholarship awarded per program primarily in the **fall** using portions of the July distribution. These scholarships are awarded, in the order listed above, first to recipients that are active members of First Baptist Church of Barlow, and then to other recipients. If less than 4 scholarships are to be awarded, the remaining program name(s) are carried over at the top of the naming list for the next award period.

The **Jerry Don and Connie Norment Moore Scholarship Program** are kept separated and one or more scholarships awarded in the fall using portions of the July distribution, and one or more scholarships awarded in the spring using the December distribution. If less than 5 scholarships are to be awarded in the fall, and no scholarships are to be awarded in the spring, there will be no scholarships issued with this program name.

7. REQUEST TO THE SCHOLARS

The First Baptist Church of Barlow and the **Scholarship Committee** desire to embrace, nurture, and build the **Scholarship Program**. One step in this process is to demonstrate and explain the importance of scholarship programs to the church, community, county and scholarship recipients. Such efforts should improve the likelihood that other scholarship programs will be created.

Another **important** step is to suggest and encourage, but not require or demand, the scholars to make contributions during their career to an appropriate scholarship fund for the members of a church of their choice. This request should take place at the time of awarding the scholarship. An admirable goal is for the scholar to voluntarily make contributions at least equal to the amount of the scholarship grants received.

8. CONFLICT WITH GOVERNING LAWS

In the event any of the criteria contained hereunder conflict with any governmental laws and regulations, the criteria that are most restrictive and in keeping with the governmental laws and regulations and meet the intent of this document shall apply. Invalidation of any specific criteria should not cause the other criteria to be invalidated.