

Metropolitan Baptist Church

1200 Mercantile Lane, Largo, Maryland 20774

Dr. Jesse Wood, Executive Pastor/Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

2024 Scholarship Application

(Application must be submitted by Sunday, June 9, 2024 to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at
awise@metropolitanbaptist.org)

Please complete the following information:

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number: Home _____ Mobile _____
(Area Code) (Area Code)

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College Attending: _____

- **Please attach a copy of your Acceptance Letter**

How long have you been a member of Metropolitan? _____

List Ministry Participation: _____

Please check the boxes for the Scholarship(s) you are applying for:

- The Wilbert C. Carter, Sr. and Jessie J. Carter in Memoriam Scholarship – \$700.00
- The Sydney Oliver Garth Scholarship for the Arts – \$2,000.00
- The Hampton University Virgie Hamlin Jones Scholarship – \$2,000.00
- The Merritt “Pay it Forward” Trunk Scholarship – (\$500.00 value)
- The Lena Price Smith Scholarship – \$750.00
- The Mamie O. Smith Scholarship – \$1,000.00

Completed Scholarship Application must be submitted to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org by Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

NOTE: Applicants must also complete a Graduate Sunday Form.

Wilbert C. Carter, Sr. and Jessie J. Carter in Memoriam Scholarship

OBJECTIVE

This scholarship is made in memory of our parents, Wilbert C. Carter, Sr. and Jessie J. Carter, who were living examples of the Christian walk and worked tirelessly for the kingdom of God. They were members of and active in Metropolitan Baptist Church for greater than 60 years. The objective of this scholarship is to provide post-secondary support to a graduating high school senior who has excelled academically and contributed his or her talents to the improvement of the community. The scholarship recognizes the impact that financial assistance can have on higher education study and completion.

AWARDS

The Carter family will award one scholarship in the amount of **\$700.00** to an eligible high school senior who will attend an accredited* college or university. The student must be graduating from a public or charter high school.

*For a list of accredited colleges and universities, please visit www.ed.gov.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Requirements:

- be an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church,
- be a college-bound graduating senior from a public or public charter school,
- plan to enter an accredited* four-year university or college as a full-time freshman in the fall of the calendar year in which the application is made,
- complete the application packet as prescribed by the instructions herein, and
- have a scholastic average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered for a scholarship, you must complete the application form, community service narrative, and essay. Only typed applications and statements will be accepted. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Please submit the completed application package to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org no later than **June 9, 2024**.

Your complete application packet must include the following:

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Official Transcript
- ✓ SAT/ACT Scores
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation [one from a principal, counselor or advisor and one from a teacher at your school, on official letterhead attached to the form provided]
- ✓ Student community service - One double spaced (12 pt. font) paragraph on your involvement in community service to include the name of the organization and a brief description of your responsibilities
- ✓ Student - One 400 word double-spaced (12 pt. font) essay on why you are applying for a scholarship **-OR-** how you plan to use your college education to make the world a better place.

All information will be kept in the strictest of confidence. Finalists may be required to participate in an in-person interview on a date to be announced.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name (Last)		Student's Name (First, Middle Initial)	
Permanent Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Home Telephone w/Area Code		Mobile Number w/Area Code	
E-Mail Address			
Name of Parent/Guardian			

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School	City/State
School Counselor's Name	Expected Graduation Date (Mo./Day/Year)
Cumulative GPA:	

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

List the Universities/Colleges to which you have applied and asterisk any to which you have been accepted.

College/University	College/University
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Intended Major/Area(s) of interest:	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list the major extracurricular activities (school and community) that you have participated in during high school. Please be certain to highlight any leadership positions held. (If necessary, you may use a separate sheet of paper.)

Activities	9th	10th	11 th	12th	Hours/Week	Position Held

COMMUNITY SERVICE

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
Number of Community Hours Required					
Number of Community Hours Completed					
					Grand Total:

CERTIFICATION

By the signature below, you affirm that all information provided herein is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. Misrepresentation or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

Applicant Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

TEACHER/COUNSELOR/PRINCIPAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To the Recommending Official:

The student listed herein is applying for a scholarship from the Carter family at Metropolitan Baptist Church in memory of Wilbert C. Carter, Sr. and Jessie J. Carter. We would appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant's academic performance, intellectual ability, maturity, oral and written communication skills, motivation and interpersonal skills.

In your letter of recommendation, please also include the **length of your acquaintance with the applicant, the subject or courses taught**, dates of instruction, and a telephone number where you may be reached should additional information be required. Your letter of recommendation should be prepared on official stationery and include your signature. You may return your sealed letter of recommendation to the applicant for inclusion in their packet or email it directly Rev. Adriane Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org no later than **June 9, 2024**. Please include on the subject line: "Carter Scholarship application – Name of Student".

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST for the Student

Be sure to include the following:

- _____ Application
- _____ Essay
- _____ Community Service Statement (Do not submit a résumé.)
- _____ Letters of Recommendation (2)
- _____ Transcript
- _____ SAT/ACT Scores

Please remember to proofread your application.

The Sydney Oliver Garth Scholarship for the Arts

The Sydney Oliver Garth Scholarship for the Arts is for students with majors in the visual arts including, but not limited to, architecture, ceramics, drawing, fashion, graphic design, illustration, interior design, painting, photography, sketching, video production and other decorative arts. Established in 2020, the scholarship honors Sydney Garth who wanted to ensure that youth have access to arts and arts education regardless of race or economic status.

Mr. Garth, a long-time member of Metropolitan, dedicated his life to supporting arts and fine arts at Metropolitan and in the Washington D.C. community. Sydney spent many years mentoring and supporting young artists as members of many musical ensembles including the Washington Performing Arts Men and Women of the Gospel Choir, Heritage Choral, Baltimore Community College, the Metropolitan Music Ministry and The Academy. His fine arts mentoring was not limited to music, he also served as the admissions director and mentor at The Art Institute of Washington and manager at Van McCoy Music. Sydney's commitment to the arts will live on through each recipient of the Sydney Oliver Garth Scholarship for the Arts.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sydney Oliver Garth Scholarship for the Arts offers awardees \$2,000 and the opportunity to showcase your visual arts at the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

PROCEDURES

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or a permanent U.S. resident, pursuing a major and career in a visual art, or planning to enroll in the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year as a full-time undergraduate student.
- Applicants must exhibit leadership ability and participation in community service activities.
- A minimum 2.5 GPA is required.
- Applicants must furnish the Committee with proof of exceptional ability in his/her chosen field by submitting:
 1. In one document, a personal statement explaining how the scholarship will aid in your development into a professional artist (500-word maximum).
 2. Resume detailing your academics, extracurricular activities, honors, employment, community service, and special skills.
 3. One letter of recommendation from an art teacher or mentor.
 4. An unofficial transcript (all pages, in color, and legible).
 5. **MOST IMPORTANT** - A photo of an original piece of artwork from the art genre for which you are applying, with each file name showing the piece's title. While you may submit copies of a number to demonstrate the breadth of your artistic abilities, please indicate which **ONE** you would like the scholarship committee to judge for the purpose of the scholarship competition.

Please submit this information directly to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise, Minister of Christian Spiritual Formation at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org no later than **SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024**.

The Hampton University

Virgie Hamlin Jones Scholarship

The Hampton University Virgie H. Jones College Scholarship is a tribute to Servant Virgie Hamlin Jones a steadfast member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church (MBC) for 80 years and a proud graduate of Hampton Institute --- now Hampton University. Servant Virgie departed this life on September 28, 2021, yet our memories of Servant Virgie and her exemplary service still speak loudly as a role model to the Metropolitan family and especially to her fellow Hamptonians at MBC.

Servant Virgie was a star vocalist in the Senior Choir, a founding member of the Questers, a Sunday School Teacher, and a Director of the Lay Ministry. Yet she found the time and summoned the energy to volunteer at the Metropolitan Day School, served as Church Clerk, Church Archivist and founder of the MBC Hampton University Alumni Association.

While much more could be said about Servant Virgie, her example of service, dedication and tireless devotion to her Church and to her Alma Mater stand as a testament to her extraordinary life. It was her heartfelt intention that we salute MBC high school graduates admitted to Hampton University with this scholarship award.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be graduating from a local High School in the DMV.
- Applicant must attach a copy of your Acceptance Letter to Hampton University.
- Applicant must be an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church for at least one (1) year.
- Applicant must show evidence of being actively engaged in Youth Ministry activities at Metropolitan (i.e., Usher, Music & Fine Arts, Youth Ministry, etc.)
- Write a paragraph about why you have chosen to attend Hampton (must be typed).

Merritt Family “Pay it Forward” Trunk Scholarship

The Merritt family will award a "Pay it forward" TRUNK SCHOLARSHIP to an eligible high school senior who will attend an accredited HBCU. The student must be graduating from a public, private or charter high school. For a list of accredited colleges and universities, please visit www.ed.gov.

This year, the Merritt Family will offer a merit-based scholarship to a local African-American high school senior who is a resident of the District of Columbia/Maryland/Virginia (DMV). To be considered for a scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be an active member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church
2. Be active in the Metropolitan Youth Ministry for the past two (2) years
3. Be a college-bound graduating senior from a public or public charter school
4. Plan to enter an accredited* four year HBCU as a full-time freshman in the fall of 2024
5. Complete the application packet as prescribed by the packet instructions
6. Have a scholastic average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale
7. Submit a completed TYPED application to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org no later than June 9, 2024.

Applicants should submit the following materials:

- A completed Application Form (copy attached);
- An official high school transcript from the most recent grading period.
- A 300 word, essay responding to the question in the application.

13. List any extracurricular or community service activities in which you have participated in high school. Please indicate the grades during which you participated and any offices you have held in these organizations:

14. COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

ESSAY QUESTION:

Please attach a TYPED, ONE- 300-word essay in response to the following question: **What will you do with your degree to positively impact your community and "pay it forward?"**

The Merritt Family sincerely would like to thank you for your application. Our prayers are with you during the most important years of your life. We hope that we have encouraged you to, "pay it forward" to someone else.

CERTIFICATION:

By the signature below, you affirm that all information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. Misrepresentation or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in forfeiture or disqualification.

Applicant's Signature

Date

If you have questions about the application, please contact Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org or Dr. Arthur Williams at drwilliamsarthur@gmail.com.

The Lena Price Smith Scholarship

The Christian Discipleship Council, formerly known as the Board of Christian Education, was founded in 1944 under the leadership of the late Dr. E. C. Smith. Mrs. Lena Price Smith was the first Chairperson of the Board, a post that she held from 1944 to 1976. Under her leadership, the following initiatives were established: Teacher Training Class, The Christian Education Institute, Leadership Training School, and Baptist Youth Fellowship. All high school graduates who will be attending a college or university are eligible to apply for a Lena Price Smith Scholarship. This scholarship is **\$750.00**.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church.
- Applicants must be a high school graduate within the District of Columbia/Maryland/or Virginia (DMV), and have completed a Graduate Sunday
- Applicants should submit a copy of a letter of acceptance from the institution of higher learning.
- Applicants must submit a signed documentation verifying completion of at least 60 hours of volunteer church/community service.
- Applicants must also submit to the Christian Discipleship Council, a two (2) page, double-spaced typed, essay on the topic: “What is the Evidence of Metropolitan Cares?”
- Applicants must complete a Graduate Sunday form.
- Application is due by Sunday, June 9, 2024 to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org.

The Mamie O. Smith Scholarship

Dr. E. C. Smith, the late Pastor Emeritus of Metropolitan Baptist Church who served as Senior Minister for over 45 years, bequeathed in his will the establishment of the Mamie O. Smith Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of his first wife, the late Mamie O. Smith, a former MBC First Lady who served God at Metropolitan with charming dignity and refinement. She was an active member of the Senior Choir and the Union Missionary Society. Each fall a **\$1,000.00 scholarship** is given directly from the estate of Dr. Smith and is presented to a high school graduate enrolling in college in the fall that exemplifies Metropolitan Baptist Church at its best.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church for at least one (1) year or more.
- Applicants must be involved in at least one ministry within the church.
- Applicants must be a high school graduate within the District of Columbia/Maryland/or Virginia (DMV), and have completed a Graduate Sunday Form.
- Applicants must write a one (1) to two (2) pages, double-spaced, typed biographical sketch.
- Application is due by Sunday, June 9, 2024 to Rev. Adriane Blair Wise at awise@metropolitanbaptist.org.