

Linda A. Bowden Scholarship

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Dear Applicant:

On behalf of Mount Hope Baptist Church (Mt. Hope), we are pleased to announce the Linda A. Bowden Scholarship for 2022. These scholarships are provided for high school seniors and young adult students continuing their post-secondary education (undergraduate degree or trade school). The Linda A. Bowden Scholarship Fund provides our young adult disciples of Mt. Hope financial assistance, as they further their education at a university, college, or an accredited trade school on a full-time basis.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please review the entire application and follow the guidelines and instructions enclosed. A completed application must be submitted or postmarked by the applicable deadline date of **April 30, 2022 for high school seniors** and **June 30, 2022 for returning college students**. All completed applications can be submitted using one of the following methods: emailed to scholarship@mthopeva.org, dropped off at Mt. Hope's church office during work hours or via the U.S. Mail. *Submitting early is encouraged as late submissions will not be considered.*

The topics for this year's essay are (*please select one*):

- (1) How has your Christian faith influenced your educational goals and life plans?
- (2) Name a person who has significantly influenced your life and explain how their influence has impacted your educational goals and life plans?

Essays must be 300 words for high school seniors and 500 words for college students. All essays must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12 pitch font. Grammar, organization, and presentation of your essay will be closely evaluated by the scholarship committee members.

We congratulate and salute you on your successes thus far, and we extend best wishes to you as you continue your education. Should you have any questions, please send an email to the Scholarship committee at scholarship@mthopeva.org and a member of the Scholarship committee will respond.

May God continue to Bless and Keep you.

The Mt. Hope Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose: The Linda A. Bowden Scholarship Fund was established to assist young adult disciples of Mt. Hope in furthering their post-secondary education.

1. Recipient must be a disciple of Mt. Hope. (*Six month minimum prior to application's deadline*) At least one parent or guardian needs to be a disciple in good standing (regular attendance, record of giving, and participation in one or more ministries). **Regular attendees who are not disciples are ineligible.**
2. Recipient must be a regular attendee and have participated in at least one ministry at Mt. Hope. For the Class of 2022 high school graduates, there needs to be at least one year of documented participation in ministry of the applicant as verified by a letter from our Mt. Hope Youth Minister or from an adult member of The Standard Ministry.
3. Scholarship maximum eligibility is determined annually. This year's maximum is four years. Recipient must be a full-time student within one year of graduating high school to be eligible. Failure to comply will result in your ineligibility for future scholarships.
4. Recipient must be enrolled or accepted to a college, university or an accredited trade school on a full time basis (12 credits minimum). Proof of enrollment is required before receiving a scholarship.
5. Recipient must be working towards an associate degree, undergraduate degree or a certificate of completion from a trade school.
6. Submit a written essay. Topics and word count are listed on the cover page.
7. High School Senior GPA waived but student must have letter of acceptance. College Student must have a 2.0 or higher GPA.
8. Deadline for submission: High school seniors is **April 30, 2022**
Returning College students: **June 30, 2022**
(Applications will not be considered after posted deadline)
9. Submit two new letters of reference from any of the following: teacher, counselor, principal, professor, advisor, or a community leader verifying your involvement. One letter must be from a church ministry here or from one you are participating in within your school area. Community based organization recommendations are acceptable (*letters from family members will not be accepted*). Letters should be on organization letterhead (if possible) and must be signed by the recommender. Letters should not be written by the staff of Mt. Hope unless they are also presiding over a ministry.
10. Submit copy of entire transcript: official or unofficial (For high school seniors, the 1st semester of senior year should be included)
11. Submit completed package using one of the following methods: emailed to scholarship@mthopeva.org, dropped off at Mt. Hope's church office during work hours or via the U.S. Mail.

12. Checks will be made payable to the qualifying recipient prior to beginning of classes for that college's academic school year.
13. A current photograph of the applicant must be included in the application package so the Scholarship committee can put a face to the applicant's name.
14. For the 2022 high school applicants, a virtual or in person meeting is **required** after the application is submitted. This will allow the Scholarship Committee members to get to know the applicants a little better.
15. The Scholarship Committee will notify qualifying recipients in writing of the committee's decision. However, please note that Pastor Bell gives the final approval for a scholarship recipient.
16. An official presentation of the scholarship will be conducted during the Senior Class Award Ceremony at the recipient's high school for high school seniors. College students will be presented their scholarship at a presentation ceremony at Mt. Hope.
17. After students receive the scholarship for the first time, ***college students must renew annually by completing a new application.***

Name of Church you attend while in college (if different than Mt. Hope):

Address: _____
Street City/State Zip

For Both High School Seniors and College Students:

List Ministries/Activities that you are currently or have been involved with: _____

List any honors, awards, or associations you desire the committee to know of:

Parent/Guardian Information:

Complete Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Are Parents/Guardians disciples of Mt. Hope: yes _____ no _____ Date joined: _____

I affirm that the information contained above is true and I am a disciple of Mt. Hope. Should I decline enrollment, decide not to return to school or fail to maintain a full-time student status, I will return the scholarship in full within 30 days of any change.

Checklist of Required items:

Application _____ Essay _____ (2) Letters of Reference _____ Proof of Enrollment/Acceptance: _____ Transcript _____

Photograph of Applicant _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature (*High School Seniors Only!*)

Date

Committee's Comments:

Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

Date Applicant joined Mt. Hope: _____ Verified by: _____

Scholarship Application Notes:

Committee Decision: Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Reason for Disapproval: _____

Signature of Committee Members:

Final Approval by Pastor:

Signature _____ Date _____

Date Submitted to Finance Office: _____ By: _____

Date Check Rec'd by Committee: _____

Date Presented to Applicant: _____