



**Berean Christian Church**  
**Dr. Kerwin B. Lee, Senior Pastor**

**Scholarship Program 2017**

1. DEADLINE for receipt of the scholarship applications is March 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m. (no exceptions).
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference letters, evidence of GPA, etc.). **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. If any question/statement does not apply to you in this application please put "N/A" in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
6. You will be contacted in April to schedule an interview with the Scholarship Team.
7. If you have any questions about the application process, please call the church office at (770) 593-4421.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student in two parts, beginning of Fall and Spring semester of attendance at an accredited college or university.

**Purpose:** To provide scholarships to at least twenty (20) deserving members of Berean Christian Church who are graduating high school seniors intending to pursue post-high school course of study at an accredited college/university or other post-secondary educational institution.

**Award Components:** A minimum of twenty (20) \$1000 (or more) scholarships and individual certificates to be awarded to at least twenty (20) students selected by the Berean Christian Church Scholarship Team.

**Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be a member of Berean Christian Church (DeKalb), for at least six (6) months.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must demonstrate **positive impact and involvement** – in the complete sense – in school, church, and the community, as determined through application and letters of recommendation.
4. Applicant must have minimum unweighted G.P.A. of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and **maintain a G.P.A. of 2.0** during 1<sup>st</sup> semester of college to receive full scholarship amount.
5. Applicant must be accepted at and attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university. (Verification of enrollment must be presented before any funds will be disbursed)

**Application Process:**

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly) AND a resume.
2. Three (3) SIGNED letters of recommendations from the following: (1) Academic - a high school teacher or counselor on school letterhead; (2) Community - an employer, community member, club sponsor, coach, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's character, experience and involvement; and (3) Church - a person who is an active member of Berean Christian Church DeKalb (*guideline included in this packet*). Letters may NOT come from family members.
3. An official and recent high school transcript, in a sealed envelope, showing cumulative grade point average and class standing/rank.
4. Essay. On a separate sheet, please address the following questions, in 300-500 words:  
**How has Berean Christian Church impacted your life and how have you impacted Berean?**  
**In what ways has your faith impacted your life? Share your personal religious beliefs and give specific examples of how your beliefs guide you in how you live your daily life.**  
**Why is the Berean Christian Church scholarship important to you?**
5. Black and white or color photo – can be either a head shot or full body.

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**\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION STUDENTS\*\*\*\*\***

**Please provide copies of this page to individuals who will write your letters of recommendation.**

Dear School Official/Community Representative/Church Member:

Your student, \_\_\_\_\_, has applied for the Berean Christian Church Scholarship for this year.

In order for the Scholarship Team to consider fairly and evaluate this applicant, we request that you submit a letter of recommendation. Your comments should be detailed and specifically address, but need not be limited to, the following items:

- Does the applicant perform up to his/her academic ability? Provide your observations of the applicant's actions in the academic environment.
- What leadership qualities does the applicant demonstrate? Please give specific examples.
- Comment on the applicant's involvement in extracurricular school activities, including any offices held.
- Comment on the applicant's involvement in community and/or church activities.
- Comment on the applicant's plans to achieve his/her career goals.

Please address all five areas cited above, to the best of your ability, based on your personal experience with the student. For employers and/or church members, please comment on the student's work ethic, dependability, spiritual development, and anything else that you believe would be beneficial in painting a positive portrait of student.

The Scholarship Team considers your input to be critical. It is imperative that your response be received by or before March 13<sup>th</sup> (no exceptions). Please place your letter on official letterhead (school officials & community representatives), SIGN, and return to your student.

**To ensure that your letter is received by the Scholarship Team, please do not mail, fax or deliver directly to Berean Christian Church. All letters of recommendation must accompany the student's application packet.**

Very truly yours,

Berean Christian Church  
Scholarship Team



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**Scholarship Application 2017**

Last Name: _____		First Name: _____	
Mailing Address: Street: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) _____		Date of Birth: _____	
E-mail Address: _____			
Current High School: _____			# of years attended: _____
List Colleges/Institutions to which you have already applied: _____ _____			
I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2017</u> : _____			
Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is <b>required prior to receipt of funds.</b>			
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent <b>official</b> school transcript required.			
ACT Score: _____ Or SAT Score: _____ A copy of your ACT <b>or</b> SAT score sheet is required.			
Mother's /Guardian's Name: _____			
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____			
Cell/Work/Home Phone: _____			
Father's /Guardian's Name: _____			
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____			
Cell/Work/Home Phone: _____			
What area/specialty do you plan to major in as you continue your education? _____ _____ _____			

## CHURCH SERVICE

Please list the Berean ministries in which you have participated (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Ministry	Role	Dates of Service

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list all high school activities in which you have participated (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Activity	Role	Dates of Service

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list extracurricular activities in which you have participated (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Organization	Role	Dates of Service

Briefly share your educational and professional goals and objectives.

List your awards, honors, and special recognitions you received while in high school.

Please explain how you plan to continue your spiritual enrichment while pursuing higher education.

#### **STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Berean Christian Church Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds will be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Photo
- ☐ High School Transcript (Official)
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Standardized Test Scores (SAT or ACT)
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation from High School Teacher or Counselor
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation from Community Member/Employer/Coach/ Club Sponsor
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation from Active member of Berean (DeKalb)
- ☐ Acceptance Letter\* from post-secondary institution  
(If not yet accepted, then please provide an official copy of submitted application confirmation from a college/university)  
*\*Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student upon evidence of enrollment in an accredited college or university. Letters not available at the time of application MUST be submitted prior to receiving funds. Students will have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to provide proof of enrollment.*

**\*\*\*Deadline** for the application is **March 13, 2017 @ 5:00pm** (no exceptions)  
Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Please mail or submit application in person to:

**Berean Christian Church Scholarship Team**  
2201 Young Road  
Stone Mountain, GA 30088  
(770) 593-4421

Each qualifying applicant will be required to appear before the Scholarship Team for a personal interview. Failure to appear for the scheduled interview will result in disqualification of the application. **Continued satisfactory enrollment, maintaining a G.P.A. of 2.0, in an accredited college is required for 2<sup>nd</sup> disbursement of funds.**

**SUBMIT**