



GCMBA

Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association

**Scholarship of Merit
Application**

The Initiative

Growing trends of change and the declination of college tuition assistance programs have created the need for the association to make available additional sources of funding.

Statement of Purpose

The Scholarship fund is designed to motivate and give students financial assistance based on academic achievement, church, and community activities, to encourage intellectual growth, spiritual direction and stimulate your mind to achieve one's full potential, and to prepare leaders for the future.

Eligibility Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors enrolled in an institution of higher learning that meet the requirements of the GCMBA Scholarship Committee.

Requirements are as follows:

- *Complete the Pastor Recommendation Form (in application)
- *Include a copy of your high school transcript
- *Include a copy of college acceptance letter

Applications are due **May 15** and mailed to:

GCMBA Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 1174

Gastonia, NC 28053

Or completed applications emailed to gcmba14@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

**The scholarship committee will notify the recipients and scholarships will be awarded at the annual banquet or a designated venue where awards will be distributed.

Application for Scholarship of Merit

(Please write legibly in ink or type)

Name (full) _____

Home phone # _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Name of high school _____

Graduation date _____ Name of college applied to _____

Parents/Guardian

Father _____ Mother _____

Address _____

Occupation of Father _____ Mother _____

Personal

What is the profession you are considering/degree _____

Have you been enrolled in any school beyond the high school level (including online).....list when and where

Did you receive any honors in high school? (Please list)

College dependency

Total dependent of parents () independent () other aid ()

Will you be living on campus? _____ With parents? _____ Off campus _____

Below is part of the criteria for receiving the scholarship (all of which will be taken into consideration)....

Do you attend Sunday School? _____ Morning Worship Service _____

Do you participate in the Youth Missionary? _____

Do you sing in the choir? _____ Usher Board? _____ List offices or positions you hold or have held in the community _____

List hobbies or special interests in the community:

Are you currently employed? _____ If so where _____

Please provide a personal statement about yourself expressing your ambitions and educational goals for consideration for the GCMBA Scholarship of Merit in the amount of \$500 (this needs to be on a separate sheet of paper).

CHECKLIST: Is the following information in your packet?

____ Copy of high school transcript

____ GCMBA Pastor Recommendation Form

____ Personal statement

____ Copy of college acceptance letter

____ Is the application completely filled out?

Failure to have these items in your packet will be considered as incomplete and your application will not be considered.

If you are awarded a scholarship and decide NOT TO ATTEND college, the \$500 must be returned to the GCMBA within 30 days (please sign below stating you understand and agree).

GCMBA Pastor Recommendation Form

(Please write legibly in ink or type.)

Student Name _____

Pastor Name _____

Church Name _____

Address _____

Email Address: _____

Church phone # _____

How long has the student been at the church? _____

What ministries does he or she participate in? _____

Why do you recommend this person for the scholarship? _____

Today's Date _____

Pastor Signature _____