

The Lili Alford Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2012 by the Grace Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Sanctuary Servants in memory of their leader, Lili Alford; who served God and her church as an usher for more than 23 years. This Scholarship is designed to assist deserving students with an opportunity to further their education while also uplifting the kingdom of God. The scholarship which was originally established to provide a one-time \$1,000 award to a deserving student, has since increased to 3 (three) scholarships including \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 awards. The scholarships are a reflection of the ministry's desire to help deserving young people in their pursuit of higher learning.

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed...
II Timothy 2:15*

The Lili Alford Memorial Scholarship selection committee is comprised of volunteers that are in no way directly or indirectly associated with any member or body of the Grace Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church family. All applications are reviewed without any conflict of interest or bias and are selected based on the committee's discretion with no other outside interest.

Requirements:

- Students must...
 1. Have a passion for service and leadership, done with kindness. Demonstrate excellence in the areas of service, academics and leadership. Be active in their community (able to provide proof of community service).
 2. Excel academically. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
 3. Be active in their church home and church school (will require letter of recommendation).
 4. Must be a graduating senior.
 5. Must use funds for undergraduate studies or school.
 6. Must have made application or have been accepted to an undergraduate school.
 7. Must complete an application along with a 1,500 word essay, prior to deadline. If application packet is submitted via mail it must be post marked by **July 31, 2025**. No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

Application Summary: (all material must be submitted at one time)

- All applications and essays must be **typed or clearly printed** in blue or black ink.
- **Every blank** in the scholarship application **must be completed**. This includes a complete address and zip code. If a portion of the application does not apply to the applicant, **N/A** should be placed in that blank.
- Incomplete applications **will not** be considered for evaluation.
- Essay must adhere to the prescribed topic. (See application for topic details)
- All applications must include an **official high school transcript**.
- Applicants must submit **three (3) letters of recommendation** (person providing recommendation cannot be relatives of applicants):
 - One letter of recommendation from either the Pastor, Youth Pastor, Youth Director, Sunday School Superintendent or person within the church leadership who knows the spiritual stewardship of the applicant.
 - The second letter of recommendation must be from a current/ former teacher, guidance counselor or principal who knows the academic capabilities of the applicant.

- The third letter of recommendation must be from an organization that has knowledge of the applicant's volunteer service.
- Include the three (3) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with your completed application.**
- Applications must be authentic with original signatures. Facsimiles **will not** be considered for evaluation.

Policies/Procedures:

- Scholarship applications will be reviewed and judged by an outside source/committee.
- The committee will evaluate each applicant based on the guidelines adopted.
- The committee reserves the right to interview each qualified applicant before the initial scholarship is awarded and may require future interviews at their discretion
- Scholarships will be awarded annually provided the funds are available.*
- The scholarship will be presented at the annual Lili Alford Memorial Scholarship banquet held each year.
- After an application is approved by the scholarship Committee, scholarship funds will be sent directly to the designated institution to be applied to the individual student's account. There will be two (2) separate disbursements made; one disbursement in the Fall Semester (August) equaling half the awarded scholarship amount and the second disbursement in the Spring Semester (January) equaling the balance of the awarded scholarship. The second disbursement will be contingent on proof (copy of student's current schedule, enrollment verification, or other official school documentation) of the student's continual enrollment in school. A letter of this transaction will be sent to the student.

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Please **type** or **print** your answers clearly. If the application is illegible it will be returned to you.

15.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required</p>		
	YES	NO	Completed application form with student’s signature [this form].
	YES	NO	Completed application signed by parents or legal guardians.
	YES	NO	Three (3) character references. Include these letters in sealed envelopes.
	YES	NO	A copy of your most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average.
	YES	NO	<p>Personal Essay <i>How has your relationship with God made a difference in your educational experience?</i> [1500 word minimum]</p>

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 to be photographed and give my permission for these photos to be used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Lili Alford Memorial Scholarship program. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Lili Alford Memorial Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited, post-secondary institution before my scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER

The deadline for this application to be received (post marked) by Lili Alford Memorial Scholarship committee is July 31, 2025.

NO EXCEPTIONS!