

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
Friend-Gardner-Love Scholarship
Application Deadline: *June 7, 2026*

The Friend-Gardner-Love Scholarship is named for three women who were committed disciples at MOBC before each one passed into the next life. Dr. Gloria S. **Friend** was a public-school teacher who volunteered to assume the position as the first administrator of what later became the Gloria S. Friend Christian Academy at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Mrs. Joann King **Gardner**, who was formerly married to Deacon Ralph Gardner and was a loving mother to their three children, worked at Ross Labs. She was a faithful member of the usher ministry. Sister Lina **Love** was a retired public-school teacher, who taught in the Gloria S. Friend Christian Academy. Contributions have been made to this scholarship in honor of each of these women.

Eligibility: *Two qualifying students will each receive a \$1000 scholarship, preferably one male and one female. The scholarship funds will be distributed in August.*

Requirements:

- **Student must be an active disciple or participant at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and a regular attendee (in-person or on-line).**
- Students must be accepted into an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution or accredited graduate school. If you are a **first-year student or this is the first year you have applied for this scholarship, a letter of acceptance must be a part of your application packet.** Vocational programs are not acceptable.
- Students must provide the **most recent official transcript.** The transcript is required from first year as well as returning students. The transcript must not be opened and must be submitted to the attention of:

Dr. Gene T. Harris, Chair
Friend-Gardner-Love Scholarship Committee
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
428 E. Main Street
Columbus, OH 43215
drgeniet@gmail.com

- Applicants **must have a minimum cumulative 3.0** grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- If you are also applying for the James L. Thompson scholarship, **one official transcript** will suffice for both.
- **First time applicants** must submit a no more than 2-page, double-spaced, type written essay. **See topic on page 4.**
- **Returning students** must have completed 10 hours of community service during the academic year. **Provide a statement from the person who can verify your 10 hours of community service.** That statement should be written on the letterhead of the organization. It should include a description of your volunteer duties, including the number of volunteer hours and must be signed by an individual who is knowledgeable of your work. Include it in your application packet.
- **Returning students complete an essay about your community service. Topic is on page 5.**
- Complete demographic information page.

Late applications may not receive consideration. Scholarship packets must be returned to the church office, directly to Dr. Harris at drgeniet@gmail.com or in person no later than June 7, 2026. The scholarship committee will review thoroughly all scholarship applications.

Remember, your packet represents you! An incomplete application will not be processed.

Friend-Gardner-Love Scholarship Demographic Information
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
428 East Main Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Full Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Name if applicable: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Cell: _____

Email Address _____

College/University/attending: _____

Type of Institution:

_____ 2 Year College

_____ 4 Year College or University

_____ Graduate school

Classification:

_____ First Year _____ Sophomore

_____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate school

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Declared or projected area of study/major: _____

**ESSAY REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP
FOR THE FIRST TIME**

Please respond to the following and submit with your completed application packet.

What specific qualities and attributes do I exemplify that make me uniquely qualified to receive the Friend-Gardner-Love scholarship?

Your statement should be well thought out and not more than two-double spaced type-written pages.

**ESSAY REQUIRED FOR RETURNING STUDENTS
(Community service)**

Please respond to the following and submit with your completed application.

Provide a brief statement (no more than one double spaced page) about your community service that responds to the following:

How have you used your time, talents, and abilities to be of service to someone other than yourself? What did you learn about yourself during this experience?

CHECK AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

___ I understand the conditions of the Friend-Gardner-Love Scholarship and I will adhere to the above stated criteria.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please return a signed copy of this sheet with your application. You should also make a copy of the completed application for your records.

Application Check list: Make sure you have included the following as applicable. Due Date: *June 7, 2026.*

___ **Demographic Information**

___ **Transcript**

___ **Essay**

___ **Verification of community service (returning students only)**

___ **Essay regarding community service (returning students only)**

___ **Letter of Acceptance (first year students only)**