

**Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
James L. Thompson Scholarship
Application Deadline: *June 7, 2026***

The James L. Thompson Scholarship is named for the former, now deceased, Chair of the Ministry of Deacons here at Mt. Olivet. He served for many years. He was committed to his church and to the education of young people.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church provides an opportunity for qualified students who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree **to receive a \$500 award at the beginning of Fall semester.** The scholarship criteria are as follows:

Requirements for FIRST YEAR students (entering first-year students) OR upper-class students who HAVE NOT been awarded a James L. Thompson scholarship previously:

- **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 graduate school or accredited trade or vocational school. ***If you are a first-year student, a letter of acceptance from the institution must be a part of your application packet.***
- Provide the **most recent official transcript.** The transcript must **not** be opened and must be submitted to the attention of:

**Dr. Gene T. Harris, Chair
James L. Thompson Scholarship Committee
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
428 E. Main Street
Columbus, OH 43215
drgeniet@gmail.com**
- Must have a **cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.0.** Grade point averages are computed on a 4.0 scale.
- If you are applying for the Friend-Gardner-Love scholarship, one **official transcript** will suffice for both.
- **Submit a no more than 2-page, double spaced essay which describes what you plan to do with your education. See page 4 for the topic.**
- **Complete the demographic information page.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS (previously awarded a JLT Scholarship)

- **Student must be an active disciple or participant at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and a regular attendee (in-person or on-line).**
- Must attend a 2- or 4-year accredited institution, an accredited graduate school or accredited trade or vocational school.
- Must have a **cumulative 2.3 grade point** average on a 4.0 scale.
- Provide an official transcript, mailed from the institution to the attention of:

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- **One transcript will suffice if you are applying for the Friend-Gardner-Love scholarship.**
- **Have completed ten 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 in your application packet.
- **Complete an essay about your community service. Topic is on page 5.**
- Complete the demographic information page.

Late applications may not receive consideration. Scholarship packets must be returned to the church office or 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.

James L. Thompson Scholarship Application Demographic Information
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
428 E. Main Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Full Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Name if applicable: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Cell: _____

Email Address _____

College/School Attending: _____

Type of Institution:

_____ 2 Year College

_____ 4 Year College or University

_____ Graduate school

_____ Trade or Vocational school

Classification:

_____ First Year _____ Sophomore

_____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Declared or projected area of study/major:

ESSAY REQUIRED FOR FIRST YEAR RECIPIENTS

Please respond to the following in no more than two pages, double spaced.
Submit with your completed application.

Describe what you plan to do with your education? Why is this degree important to you?

**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 James L. Thompson 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 CHECKLIST

Application Check list: Make sure you have included the following as applicable. Completed application due *June 7, 2026*

- ___ **Demographic Information**
- ___ **Transcript**
- ___ **First year applicant's essay**
- ___ **Essay regarding community service (returning students only)**
- ___ **Verification of community service (returning students only)**
- ___ **Letter of Acceptance (first year students only)**