

**Mt. Olivet Baptist Church  
James L. Thompson Scholarship  
Application Deadline: *May 4, 2025***

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 \$1000.00 award (\$500.00 per 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](mailto:drgeniet@gmail.com) or in person) no later than *May 4, 2025*. 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:

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## **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 *May 4, 2025*.**

- \_\_\_ **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)**