

**Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
James L. Thompson Scholarship
Application Deadline: May 7, 2023**

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 follows:

Requirements for FIRST YEAR students (entering freshmen) OR upperclassmen 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).**
- Student 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 an **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**

- Must have a **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 **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.
- **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 (drqeniet@sbcglobal.net or in person) no later than May 7, 2023. The scholarship committee will thoroughly review all scholarship applications.

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

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

Full Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s) if applicable: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

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?

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 Check list: Make sure you have included the following as applicable. Completed application due May 7, 2023.

- ___ **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)**