



The Ralph A. Taylor Scholarship

Presented by: Bethany Presbyterian Church

Guidelines for Applicants

INTRODUCTION:

In 2012, Ralph A. Taylor, a former member, of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Bethany, Pennsylvania, bequeathed to the congregation a large gift of money. To honor Mr. Taylor, the congregation determined that a portion of this gift would be given as a scholarship to a deserving young person(s) in the community to support their pursuit of higher education.

The scholarship is open to a Wayne County, Pennsylvania resident or be a Family member of a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church, who actively attends church activities regardless of denomination. The monies can be used for any accredited 2 year school, 4 year undergraduate school or a trade school. The potential applicant must prove acceptance to the school of their choice. It is also open to students who are already enrolled in an accredited school, however, they must prove that they have maintained 2.5 GPA.

An applicant or applicants will be chosen by a task force designed by the Bethany Presbyterian Church Finance Committee. The task force will choose an applicant(s) each year and decide on the amount of monies they will receive. Depending on the number of applicants and the quality of their application, the task force will determine the number of scholarships each year. There is no guarantee there will be a scholarship awarded every year. The applicant does not have to have an association with the Bethany Presbyterian Church in order to be awarded the scholarship.

Students will have the opportunity to renew their application each year they are enrolled as a full time student as long as they keep a 2.5 GPA.

TO APPLY:

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS:

- ◇ Must complete an application
- ◇ Be a member of a church (regardless of denomination). Students prove this by having their Pastor complete the Church Membership Certification form.
- ◇ Complete 2 typed essays
- ◇ Submit a copy of your enrollment/acceptance letter
- ◇ Submit a copy of transcripts (ONLY for students who are already enrolled in an accredited 2 year, 4 year school or trade school)



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APPLY (cont'd):

Returning Applicants:

- ◇ Must complete their application same as a first time applicant
- ◇ Write an essay on an assigned topic
- ◇ Submit a copy of their transcript proving that they maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5

SELECTION:

A task force will review each application for awards. Selected students will be eligible for funding. A scholarship acceptance form will be sent to the prospective winner to sign for approval.

If the student fails to sign or does not accept the scholarship or elects to go to school on a part time basis, the funds may or may not be distributed to another student. This will be dependent on the number of qualified applications received at the time.

The Task Force will be selecting students:

- ◆ Based on the completeness of the application
- ◆ Creativity and the amount of thought put into the essay questions.
- ◆ The receipt of a member certification form

ESSAY OVERVIEW:

THE ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.

The purpose of the essays is to establish an understanding that anyone can serve God regardless of career choice.

What we would like to see is this understanding in the student and also the knowledge that they are always a disciple of Jesus even when not in church.

The LENGTH of each essay should be at least a paragraph. That really expresses the students understanding of each question.



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CONFIDENTIALITY:

Information collected to support your application is maintained by the Scholarship Task Force.

The church membership/endorsement, transcripts and application will be kept *confidential* by the members of the Task Force.

Applications will only be viewed by those members of the Task Force.

DEADLINE:

The deadline to submit an application is June 3, 2018.

All applications must be mailed to:

Bethany Presbyterian Church
431 Wayne Street
Bethany, PA 18431
Attn: Scholarship Task Force

OR

Emailed to: admin@pioneerparish.org