

Purpose of RBC Scholarship Program

The primary purpose of this scholarship program is to provide a tangible means for Reidland Baptist Church to encourage and support those qualified students with a monetary award.

Monetary Award

The monetary award goal of the RBC Scholarship team is to award (2) \$500.00 scholarships both in the Fall and Spring terms for a total of (4) \$500.00 yearly awards at a total of \$2000.00 yearly. This is contingent on the pool of applicants as well as the funding provided by Reidland Baptist Church in the form of either budgeted line item and designated offering line item. The goal of the Scholarship team is to award \$500.00 scholarships. The designated line item will not be used unless the minimum \$500.00 scholarship award can be made. There will not be awards of less than \$500.00. Eligibility, criteria and priority point system will be used to determine the awards by the Scholarship team.

Scholarship Team Membership

The Scholarship Team is a ministry team under the Student Ministries Team. The Scholarship Team will be composed of the current active serving youth council, Associate Minister of Youth and the Chair of Trustees. If the Chair of Trustees is unable to serve then member at large will be selected by Associate Minister of Youth and the current active serving youth council.

Designated Gifts

Gifts may not be designated for a specific individual. Reidland Baptist church will use funding means of either or both budgeted line item or designated line item where gifts and offerings can be given for the award process to bless the Scholarship recipient.

Eligibility for Applicants

The Reidland Baptist Scholarship is open for both RBC church members and RBC non-church members to apply. RBC non-church members are limited to children, step children, grandchildren, nephew and nieces of current active Reidland Baptist Church members.

Criteria for Applicants

Applicants must complete the RBC Scholarship Application and turn into Church office or Assoc. Pastor

Applicants must provide written letter of description by the student (education pursuit, Christian character, financial need)

Applicant must provide written letter of recommendation from current active RBC member (education pursuit, Christian character, financial need, how award would minister to applicant and how award will further connect student with Reidland Baptist church). This letter should be not be from a member of the Scholarship Team.

Cumulative grade point average of B (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale) New year Freshman High School GPA will be considered.

Applicant must be High School graduate or received GED (RBC Scholarship is for higher education)

Applicant must be enrolled full time status at a high education institution. (New year Freshman must enroll full time status).

Recipient Priority

If there are more than 2 applicants for the award semester the Scholarship team will assign points to the applicants for recipient priority to determine the scholarship award decision. There will be five categories for total of 15 points. The two applicants with the highest points will be awarded.

Student pursuing education for ministry vocation or Christian service -5 pts

Church attendance and ministry service – 3 pts

4.0 GPA – 3 pts

First time applicant – 2 pts

Graduate member of RBC youth group – 2 pts

Procedures for Authorization of Payment

RBC shall empower the Scholarship Committee to select recipients and authorize payment to the educational institutions or appropriate agency on the recipient's behalf. The Scholarship committee shall select qualified recipient(s) in January for the Spring term semester and in July for the Fall term semester.

The student can use the award money for any semester (or split between semesters) of the award year. Any unused award money that the student cannot use towards tuition, fees, housing, books, meal plans the Church will ask for the educational institution to return said money to Reidland Baptist Church. The RBC scholarship will not be refundable to students from educational institutions and shall be noted in the letter sent to the school with payment. Any returned scholarship money to the church will be deposited to the Church Scholarship designated account for future awards to qualified students.

Qualified recipients shall provide the name of the institution to be the payee of any disbursed funds. Student identification number given by the school will be needed for disbursed funds.

The committee shall provide a cover letter to accompany the check describing the funds provided and the qualified recipient. RBC funding requests forms will be completed for the disbursement.

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Scholarship Committee of Reidland Baptist Church

**REIDLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Current Address _____
Number & Street City State ZIP Code

Telephone Number _____

Email Address (optional) _____

Date of Affiliation with Reidland Baptist Church as Member _____

Social Security Number _____

Academic Period for which you are requesting scholarship _____
Semester Year

College/University you will be attending, city and state in which located:
(Attach documentation if college/university provides matching funds)

What will be your classification during the semester for which you are applying?
First-time Freshman___ Returning Freshman___ Sophomore___ Junior___ Senior___

Other (please specify) _____

Intended major or curriculum of study _____

Number of hours in which you intend to enroll _____

Current GPA (if you are applying for RBC Scholarship for other than first time) _____

(Please complete reverse side, also)

List church-related activities in which you are or have participated.

Attach an essay (100-200 words) explaining why you are applying for a scholarship from the RBC Scholarship Fund. Include a written description of the desire to pursue a Christian-oriented education, ministry, or vocation OR your present involvement at RBC or on campus in a Southern Baptist-affiliated ministry. Essay shall be word processed.

Certification: I declare that the information reported in this application is true, correct, complete, and given voluntarily. I agree to furnish the Scholarship Committee additional information which may be needed and to be interviewed by the Committee, if appropriate.

Signature _____ Date _____