

First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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Albert & Vernice Smith Scholarship Application

The Smith family would like to honor their parents by providing financial aid to deserving students who are graduating from high school. The candidate must be a member of First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church for one or more years at the time of application. You may obtain a copy of the application from the Board of Deacons Ministry Scholarship Committee or the church website (www.firstrising.org). The application must be submitted to the Board of Deacons Ministry Scholarship Committee by December 21 to be considered for this award.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Gender (M/F): _____ Date of Birth (month/date/year): _____

Citizenship Status (USA/Other): _____

Phone Number (home/cell): _____

E-mail address: _____

High School/Address: _____

Current Cumulative GPA _____ (if available at the time of application)

Name of College/Trade School currently attending _____

Address/city & state: _____

Your undergraduate major(s): _____

Number of college credits earned to date: _____ Total number of credits required for graduation _____

Expected date to receive baccalaureate degree: _____

Degree you will receive: _____

Concentration(s): _____

References: Give the name of one (1) church reference and one (1) academic reference and attach a copy of their letter of recommendation(s).

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- 1. List high school/college activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.).**
- 2. What unique things would separate you from other applicants applying for this scholarship?**
- 3. List public service and community activities (homeless shelter services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, and your work with religious organizations).**
- 4. Describe the college education program you intend to pursue and how will it benefit society.**
- 5. Describe the problem or needs of society you want to address when you graduate from college, community college, or trade school. (This question must be answered for year 2 of the scholarship application only).**
- 6. What are the three most significant college courses you have taken in preparation for your career? Why are they important? (This question must be answered for year 2 of the scholarship application only).**
- 7. Why did you choose this college/school? (This question must be answered for year 2 of the scholarship application only).**
- 8. What do you hope to do, and what position do you expect to have upon completing your graduate studies? (This question must be answered for year 3 of the scholarship application).**

9. Who has been a role model for you? Why? (This question is for year 3 of the scholarship application only).
10. What additional information do you wish to share with the administrator of the Albert & Vernice Scholarship? (This question is for the year 3 of the scholarship application only).
11. What do you hope to do and what position do you expect to have five to seven years later. (This question must be answered for year 4 of the scholarship application only).
12. Describe one specific example of your leadership (This question is for the 4th year of the scholarship application only).
13. What's the most difficult challenge you've ever faced? How did you handle it? (This question is for the 4th year of the scholarship application only).

This application is available only to First Rising Mt Zion Baptist Church high school graduates.
I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Trustee Albert and Vernice Smith Scholarship Criteria

The Smith family would like to honor their parents by providing financial aid to deserving students who are graduating from high school. The candidate must be a member of First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church for one or more years at the time of application. The Smith family's parents loved children, and Sister Vernice Smith worked with children at a daycare for many years.

Duration of the award: The Albert and Vernice Smith Scholarship will make an award to one or more eligible students for a total of 4 years. The high school student must be a church member in good standing. The award is based on the number of students who are eligible to apply for the scholarship not to exceed \$1,000.00 annually (e.g., yearly funding \$0,000.00 / the number of eligible students = \$0,000.00 award for the year). Prior year funds awarded shall not be construed as a guarantee of funding in subsequent years.

The criteria used to award the scholarship includes: Must serve in a Church Ministry and participate in a Ministry when not in school/college. (1) Academic achievement, shown by grade point average, etc., (2) Extent of Church involvement, (3) Extent of community involvement, (4) Leadership skills; (5) Work history; (6) Writing skills, demonstrated by the application essay, (7) Achievements in particular fields (sports, debate, performing arts, etc.), (8) A description of extra-curricular involvement. Additional requirements for the award are listed in the scholarship application. Please see the Church Website or request a copy of the application from the Board of Deacons Ministry Scholarship Committee. Answers to all questions must be typed or legibility printed in black ink on a separate sheet of paper.

Please review the application to ensure it has been completed correctly and that all supporting/required documentation is attached.

The scholarship application must be submitted for consideration each year to the Board of Deacons Ministry Scholarship Committee by December 21 (the deadline date). They are the scholarship administrators responsible for reviewing applications, selecting recipients, and making the scholarship awards.

Thank you for your interest in the Trustee Albert and Vernice Smith Scholarship. Should you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please contact the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, Board of Deacons Ministry.