

**Baptist Ministers' Conference  
of  
Boston & Vicinity, Inc.**

**Academic Advancement Application 2020**

Application Postmark/Email Deadline

March 15, 2020

*Supporting the community through educational  
development and Gospel advancement*

The Social and Political Action Committee “shall investigate and provide information and a plan of action as to issues affecting the interests of the parishioners and community. Such issues shall include crime, drug and alcohol abuse, illiteracy, and such issues as the President and Body deem appropriate. The Social and Political Action Committee shall provide information and a plan of action for making the church a central place of political and social action in our community.”

Reverend Dr. Larry Green, Sr.  
President

Scholarship Committee

Reverend Ruthanne Phyllis Bracey-Darby  
Minister Dr. Gloria Coulter  
Reverend Edward Hardy  
Minister Catrice Williams

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must provide written evidence that you are:

- A continuing student in a post-secondary educational institution, i.e. college, music school, art school, medical training, biblical institute. Provide the address and description of the institute.
- Accepted at the college or other post-secondary educational institution, i.e. music school, art school, medical training, biblical institute that you intend to attend. Provide a copy of the “Letter of Acceptance.”
- A servant of the Gospel, i.e. licensed minister, ordained minister, deacon, deaconess must verify his/her status ( for biblical institute applicants only).
- An active member in good standing for at least nine (9) months in a Church that has membership in the Baptist Ministers’ Conference of Boston & Vicinity, Inc. The Pastor of the church must verify in writing the service and good standing of the applicant in his/her required ‘Letter of Recommendation’ for the applicant.
- An evangelical committal to the advancement of the Gospel. Provide a written statement describing how you will share the Gospel in the community.
- Have an official transcript with a GPA of 2.5 or higher (a lower GPA must provide supportive documentation of leadership skills, church involvement or special circumstances; potentially waived by the Scholarship Committee).

## **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Evaluation of the applicant is based upon the following criteria:

- Official transcript
- Church involvement,
- Community involvement
- Compelling essay responses with correct grammar, punctuation and spelling; musical or other artistic performance or portfolio
- Letters of Recommendation (3) from:
  - Pastor and/or other official (required)
  - Teacher
  - Guidance Counselor

## **ESSAY (250-500 WORDS)**

**Topic:** How will this scholarship help you contribute to the community?  
(attach Essay on separate page(s))

**COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

List service activities in which you have participated as a volunteer since becoming a member of your church, beginning with the most recent.

**Activity/Organization      Your role/position(s) held      Dates      #Hours per week**  
**(avoid abbreviating)**

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**CHURCH SERVICE/ACTIVITIES**

List church activities in which you have participated, beginning with the most recent.

**Activity/Service Organization      Your role/position(s) held      Dates**  
**(Avoid abbreviating)**

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**ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE/PORTFOLIO DESCRIPTION** (applicant complete)

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**Required Certification and Release (Applicant must read and sign below to be eligible)**

- Number of parent(s) dependents currently in college and/or other post-secondary educational institutions (include yourself) \_\_\_\_\_
- Will you be working during the summer? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_
- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all the eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- By submitting this application, I understand that if I should receive this scholarship, **I will be ineligible to apply again.** All materials submitted as part of the scholarship application become the property of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Boston & Vicinity, Inc.
- I understand that the Scholarship will be payable to the recipient upon verification of registration of classes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- I further understand that should I be selected as a recipient of said scholarship that my name and picture is subject to be published for public relations purposes and publicity.
- I hereby authorize the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Boston & Vicinity, Inc. to utilize information about and from my application my picture for public relations purposes and publicity.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

And/or Church Official's signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church Official Title

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions to Applicant:

A 'Letter of Recommendation' must be from your Pastor and from two (2) other Officials. **A letter cannot be from a relative unless he/she is your Pastor.** You should inform your recommender about the scholarship and your reasons for applying for it. Please give your recommender at least three weeks to write the letter. Submit the recommendation in a sealed envelope along with your application package by the **March 15, 2020 postmark or email deadline.**

### Instructions to Recommender:

The person named above is applying for the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Boston & Vicinity, Inc. Scholarship. Please type, double spaced and no more than 150 words, your recommendation on the letterhead of your professional affiliation. We request your candid evaluation relative to the following:

#### For Pastors' statements

- concerning membership standing for at least the past nine (9) months
- concerning church activities/commitments
- personal strengths, including motivation and leadership

#### For Other Officials' statements

- Academic record
- Academic plans and career goals
- Personal strengths, including motivation, leadership and commitment
- Community service, church activities/commitments and extracurricular activities

Since you know the candidate, the scholarship review committee is depending upon your specific and illustrative evaluation rather than a general assessment.

Please complete the information below and return this form and your **signed and sealed letter of recommendation** to the candidate with your signature written across the seal. All application materials must be submitted by the applicant by **March 15, 2020 postmark or email deadline.**

Thank you in advance for your assistance. For further information about the scholarship, please contact Min. Dr. Gloria Coulter at (781) 986-6074 or gloriacoulter@comcast.net.  
**Recommender: Please attach this information to your 'Letter of Recommendation**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print or type following information)

Recommenders' name \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE:**

**(An incomplete application package will not be accepted, applicant will be disqualified.)**

- Essay
- Artistic Performance /Portfolio description (application page 3)
- Certification and Release Form (application page 4)
- Statement concerning how the scholarship award will be **specifically** used (books, tuition, housing)
- Statement concerning how the applicant will share the Gospel in the community
- Provide a copy of the 'Letter of Acceptance,' address and description of the college or other post-secondary institution
- Three (3) 'Letters of Recommendation' in separate sealed envelopes
- Official Transcript inclusive of grades 9-12 (potentially waived by Scholarship Committee for biblical institute applicants)
- Official written verification of service as a servant of the Gospel, i.e. license, ordination document (applicable for biblical institute applicants only)
- Official transcript from post-secondary institution for post-secondary applicants

**SUBMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

Email address: [bmscholarship1998@gmail.com](mailto:bmscholarship1998@gmail.com)

**Or mail to:**

Minister Dr. Gloria Coulter  
20 Emerton Ave.  
Randolph, MA 02368

**Recipient(s) will be notified by letter no later than mid-May 2020**