



Cedar Street Baptist Church of God

2025-2026 Scholastic Stipend Application

Deadline to Submit: Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:00 pm

All application packets must be received by the deadline date. Any packets received after the deadline date will not be accepted.

Purpose:

Cedar Street Baptist Church of God (CSBC) assists high school students entering college, undergraduate, and graduate student members with the rising costs of higher education.

Description:

The scholastic stipends are merit-based to provide financial support to undergraduate and graduate students who are financially active members of CSBC for at least one year. Each CSBC college/university student will submit an application, essay, official transcript, and enrollment verification or official letter of enrollment for the fall semester of 2025 from their respective school.

Application Process: Stipends will be awarded on Graduate Recognition Sunday which will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be part-time (6 credit hours minimum) or full-time student (12+ credit hours minimum) attending a college/university.
- Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale or a 4.0 GPA on a 5.0 grading scale.
- Applicant may be classified as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
- Applicant must submit the completed application and the typed essay by the deadline date.
- Applicants must submit a sealed (unopened) official transcript from high school or college/university attended by the deadline date.



ESSAY TOPIC: Ephesians 6:10 asks us to put on the full armor of God (*the Helmet of Salvation, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shield of Faith, the Loins Girded with Truth, the Sword of the Spirit, and the Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace*). Considering this, which piece of armor is most important in your academic life? How do you use this armor to be a successful student?

Applicant's essay must adhere to the following specifications:

- Essay must be well-defined, to include mechanics, grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and abbreviations.
- Consist of 500 words minimum, double spaced (two pages, not to exceed three pages in length) with scriptural references.
- Use size 12 Times New Roman or Arial font with 1-inch margins; and
- Include a cover page with the student's name, title, and date.

Send completed application, official transcript, and essay no later than June 12, 2025, to:

*Cedar Street Baptist Church of God
Scholastic Stipend Committee
Attention: Trustee Cynthia Tedder, Chairperson
2301 Cedar Street
Richmond, VA 23223*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____ By _____
App: _____ Essay: _____
EVF: _____ Transcript: _____

CSBC assumes no responsibility for organizing, attaching, or binding multiple materials that are part of the packet.



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(Please type or print.)

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

EDUCATION

Educational Institution Currently Enrolled: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Academic Classification: (Check One) _____ Full-time (minimum 12+ credit hours)

_____ Part-time (minimum 6 credit hours)

_____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate/Professional

Degree Sought: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Major: _____

Minor/Concentration: _____

Career Goal: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Extra-curricular activities including athletics: _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Date joined CSBC: _____

Church Activities (Past and Current): _____

Applicant may attach additional sheets if necessary.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

- 1. I have been a financially active member of Cedar Street Baptist Church for at least one year.**
- 2. I will use the proceeds of any stipend for the payment of tuition, fees, room/board, and or required materials.**
- 3. I will provide satisfactory evidence of enrollment in school during the period for which the stipend is awarded as requested by the Pastor and the Student Aid Ministry.**
- 4. I understand that the submission of this application, essay, transcript, and verification of enrollment constitutes permission to use my name and/or photograph for promotional purposes.**
- 5. The information submitted in this application is complete and correct.**

Date

Signature



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ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM

This letter verifies that _____
(Student's Name)

Student ID Number _____ is enrolled as a

☐ Full-time OR ☐ Part-time

student at this institution for the **Fall** semester/quarter of the 2025-2026 academic school year.

Verified by _____
(Please Print)

Signature _____

Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

THE RECIPIENT MUST HAVE THIS FORM VERIFIED BY THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL. THE SCHOOL SEAL MUST BE AFFIXED.

Please return the completed form to:

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Richmond, VA 23223**