



New Life Church Scholarship Program

New Life Church was established with the goal of changing lives in St Louis Metro East communities. To that end, we as LifeChangers have established a scholarship program to help deserving high school graduates change their lives and, in turn, change the lives of others. New Life will award seven (7) scholarships, totaling \$12,000 to deserving students that demonstrate academic excellence, exemplify sound moral character, and portray the wholistic characteristics that are the mission of our ministry.

Scholarship Application Packet Instructions

1. Please carefully read and follow all instructions printed:
 - a. Each applicant may apply for only ONE scholarship.
 - b. Complete application and provide all required supporting documents for the scholarship you are applying for. See NLC Scholarship Application Checklist [pg4] for complete list of required supporting documents.
 - c. Submit the completed application **and all required documents** in a 9" x 12" envelope with the applicant's full name legibly printed on the front of the envelope in the upper left hand corner to:

New Life Church
Min. Dagne Barton
689 Scott-Troy Road
Lebanon, IL 62254
 - d. The completed scholarship application packet must be **postmarked on OR received at the NLC church office no later than 4:00pmCST, Thursday, March 14, 2024.** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
2. Cumulative GPA should be provided based on an unweighted 4.0 scale (convert numerical or letter grades). Also, when providing cumulative GPA, be sure that your most recent term is included (i.e., Fall 2023).
3. All transcripts must be **certified/official** copies with SAT or ACT scores reflected. See NLC Scholarship Application Checklist [pg4] for complete details.

If you have any questions, contact the NLC Scholarship Committee at 689newlife@gmail.com or call (618) 622-6721. Please include both your contact e-mail address and phone number in the e-mail.

The Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. Pastoral Scholarship of Excellence The Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. Pastoral Scholarship of Excellence is awarded to the high school graduate who exhibits excellence in academics, character, civic/church activities, and family.

Requirements for this Scholarship Only

- **Minimum 3.5 GPA** (submit official academic transcript)
- SAT or ACT score(s) (submit copy of official test scores)
- 450-500 word essay (see “Scholarship Essay” requirements on [Page 2-3](#))
- Interview (will be considered after applicant has submitted and met all requirements)
- SUPPORTING DOCUMENT W/ PACKET Two (2) letters of recommendation **signed**
- Community involvement/service (indicated on Student Personal BIO or Statement)

The Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. Pastoral Scholarship of Excellence Essay Topic

New Life in Christ church demonstrates excellence through our core values of Welcome, Worship, Word and Witness. How have you demonstrated excellence in your life? How do you plan to demonstrate excellence in your core values after high school and effectively incorporated into a life of excellence, integrity, and civic-mindedness. (450-500 words)

*****Requirements for Each of the remaining scholarships below:**

- Minimum 2.5 GPA (submit official academic transcript)
- SAT or ACT score(s) (submit copy of official test scores)
- 300-350 word essay (see topic with scholarship & other “Scholarship Essay” requirements on [Page 3](#))
- Interview (will be considered after applicant has submitted and met all other requirements)
- SUPPORTING DOCUMENT W/ PACKET Two (2) **signed** letters of recommendation
- Community involvement/service (indicated on Student Personal BIO or Statement)

The John H. McCants Hope Scholarship

The John H. McCants Hope Scholarship is so named for Bro. John H. McCants, a charter member of NLC who was instrumental in the church’s beginnings. It is a need-based scholarship established to offer hope where there is despair; open doors of opportunity that may be otherwise closed, and give a hand up, not a handout. The additional requirement for this scholarship is proof of a financial need. See **Requirements below *****

ADDITIONAL Requirements

- Verification from your high school that states you are currently enrolled in 12th grade and meet any one of the indicators of economic need listed **1) enrolled in the free or reduced-priced lunch program; 2) participates in a program for economically disadvantaged students; 3) resides in a foster home, is a ward of the state, is homeless OR family receives low-income public assistance.**

The John H. McCants Hope Scholarship Essay Topic

Hope is defined as wanting or wishing for something with a feeling of confident expectation. In your own words, describe what is meant by the expression “to hope against hope”. Provide at least one example from your own experience where you had to hope against hope as well as how you plan to offer hope after college. (300-350 words)

The Minister Sheila Renee Swygert Memorial Scholarship

The Minister Sheila Renee Swygert Memorial Scholarship is established in memory of the first LifeChanger to exchange time for eternity. This scholarship is awarded to the individual who has, through perseverance and persistence, overcome their circumstances despite the odds. **Requirements below *****

The Minister Sheila Renee Swygert Memorial Scholarship Essay Topic

Minister Swygert overcame adversity in her life through persistence and perseverance. Describe an instance in which you had to overcome adversity. Include the outcome and the effect it had on your life and how it has prepared you for your life after high school and college. (300-350 words)

The Bishop Leamon & Ida Dorothy Dudley Memorial Scholarship

The Bishop Leamon & Ida Dorothy Dudley Memorial Scholarship is established in memory of the mother and father of our Bishop, Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. Mrs. Dudley was an avid reader and a great lover of music. Most importantly, this powerful woman of GOD exhibited the “Barnabas” spirit. Our His father Bishop Leamon Dudley was a leader among men. He was also an advocate for training and education.

Requirements below ***

The Bishop Leamon & Ida Dorothy Dudley Memorial Scholarship Essay Topic

Describe in 300-350 words how your education will be instrumental in changing the lives of others in the future.

The Chyriell Drain Hill Memorial Scholarship

The Chyriell Drain Hill Memorial Scholarship Fund, in partnership with New Life Church, will award to those individuals who exemplify the characteristics of wanting to be helpful, showing a tendency towards sociability, displaying warmth towards others and are concerned with the welfare of all humankind.

Requirements below ***

The Chyriell Drain Hill Memorial Scholarship Fund Essay Topic

Describe one humanitarian act you have performed. Include the outcome and the impact it had on your life and the lives of others. (300-350 words)

The Gerald T. Washington Memorial Scholarship

The Gerald T. Washington Memorial Scholarship commemorates the life of LifeChanger Bro. Gerald T. Washington. He was the Vice-President for Institutional Advancement in five Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). These were Fisk University, Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina A&T University, South Carolina State University, and Tennessee State University. He also assisted four more HBCUs with grant writing and institutional gifts. These were Jackson State University, Allen University, Fort Valley State University and Stillman College. **This scholarship is reserved for African American students who plan to attend an HBCU. Requirements below *****

The Gerald T. Washington Memorial Scholarship Essay Topic

Briefly describe why you wish to attend an HBCU. Describe how your values, qualities, and skills will flourish at an HBCU as well as how attending an HBCU will make an impact in your life and career. (300-350 words)

The New Life Church LifeChanger Scholarships

The LifeChanger Scholarship is established based on the mission of New Life Church – “To Change Lives in Our Lifetime”. This scholarship is awarded to those individuals who exemplify the characteristics of servant-leader, and role model impacting the lives of others. This scholarship is reserved for members of New Life and their families. **Requirements below *****

The LifeChanger Scholarship Essay Topic

Describe how you would exemplify the characteristics of a servant-leader and adopting the attitude of not myself, but others. Give specific examples of how you have impacted the lives of others and how you plan to impact the lives of others after high school/college. (300-350 words)

The Strong Beginnings NFP, Inc Scholarships

The Strong Beginnings NFP Scholarship is established by Elder Vic Hayes and his family’s non-profit based on the mission of promoting the welfare of others through giving time, experiences, skills, talents and treasure to create better opportunities for underserved communities. **Requirements below *****

The Strong Beginnings NFP, Inc Scholarship Essay Topic

Describe how you would serve your community and exemplify the characteristics of a servant-leader and how this scholarship will help provide the strong beginning needed to change the lives of others in your future. (300-350 words)

NLC Scholarship Packet Checklist for: Name of Student

*The following checklist will help you to ensure your application packet is complete **before** submission. This checklist must be included in the application packet when submitted.*

Complete Application Form

- NLC Scholarship Application Checklist [p.4]
- Personal Data [p.5]
- High School Data [p.5]
- Signature Page [p.6]

Personal Biography OR Personal Statement - typed and should include the following:

- Community Involvement / Volunteer Service
- Extracurricular Activities
- Career Goals and Objectives

Scholarship Essay Requirements

The scholarship essay requirements are:

- Essay should have complete sentences, correct grammar and punctuation, and sufficiently discuss the scholarship topic. The essay topic is listed on the scholarship detail pages 2 & 3 above.
- Essay should be the appropriate length (# of words range indicated)
- Essay should be typed or computer-generated using a **12-pt. font and double-spaced**. Place word count in the footer of the WORD document. **My essay word count is:** _____
- E-mail attached WORD document of the essay to 689newlife@gmail.com as well as in the packet
Date Essay e-mailed: _____ | NLC Office received: _____

Official High School Academic Transcript

- All transcripts must be certified/official copies with SAT or ACT scores reflected and can be:
 - Forwarded by the school on behalf of the applicant, directly to the church office
 - Submitted in a sealed envelope, stamped with school seal within the applicant's packet.
PLEASE NOTE: The applicant's school is NOT responsible for submitting the applicant's NLC scholarship packet.
 - Transcript requests, that involve a 3rd party vendor, are still the applicant's responsibility to ensure the transcripts are **postmarked on OR received at the NLC church office no later than 4:00pmCST, Thursday, March 14, 2024 for application packet to be considered complete.**
- Minimum GPA requirement met for _____
Name of Scholarship

Two (2) **signed** Letters of Recommendation

New Life Church 2024 Scholarship Application Personal Data

Last Name _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female
MM / DD / YYYY

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile #s: _____ | _____
Student Mobile # Parent Mobile #

Student E-mail (*required*): _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Student Facebook name: _____ Instagram profile name: _____

High School Data

School Name _____

School Address _____

Principal's Name _____

Counselor's Name _____

Composite ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____ Cum GPA (4.0 scale): _____
(un-weighted) (weighted)

Institution you have chosen to attend

College/University Name _____

College/University Address _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Have you been accepted? (Circle one: YES / NO)

Signature Page

I am applying for: (Check only the ONE you are applying for)

- Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. Pastoral Scholarship (1 available)
- John H. McCants Hope Scholarship (1 available)
Economic need verification (Only required if applying for Hope Scholarship) _____
Initials
- Bishop Leamon & Ida Dorothy Dudley Memorial Scholarship (1 available)
- Minister Sheila Renee Swygert Memorial Scholarship (1 available)
- The Chyriell Drain Hill Memorial Scholarship (1 available)
- The Strong Beginnings NFP, Inc Scholarship (1 available)
- The Gerald T. Washington Memorial Scholarship (1 available) ****see special requirements in the description.**
- New Life Church - LifeChanger Scholarship (3 available) **** You must be a member of New Life to apply for this one only.**

By signing below, you attest to the truth and accuracy of the information you have provided on this application. A scholarship, if awarded, will be revoked should it be discovered that any of the information provided therein is false or misleading.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

Parent or Guardian's Printed / Typed Name Date