

National Baptist Congress Dream Makers Scholarship Criteria & Application Procedures



SCHOLARSHIP THEME:

“Disciples of Christ”

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 ESV

Vision

“To bring educational dreams to fruition for young people within the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.).”

Purpose

The National Baptist Congress Dream Makers Scholarship was designed to provide educational opportunities to youth where the principles of discipleship would be actualized within two venues: 1) matriculation in higher education and 2) servanthood of Christ through a missionary assignment to Haiti.

Qualification for Application

The applicant must be a member of a church that is registered the year before and the current year of the application with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Additionally, the applicant’s church must hold a current registration within their State Convention and State Congress (the year of application).

Section I. Criteria for Applicant

- Must be graduating from high school the year the scholarship is awarded.
- Must be active in your community, local church, and district/association and have attended the National Congress at least once in the last three years.
- Must have a letter of recommendation from the following:
 - Teacher or Guidance Counselor
 - Pastor
 - District/Association Officer
- Must provide copy of Church registration at the National Baptist Congress and the individual registration of the applicant with the Youth Division.
- Must provide copy of acceptance letter to an accredited 2-year or a 4-year College or University, with registration for full time attendance. (On-line matriculation alone will not be accepted.)
- Must submit most recent high school transcript.
- Must submit a completed biographical data sheet and documentation submission checklist.
- Must be willing to go on a mission trip by the close of the student's 2nd year of college after receiving the scholarship (***This mission trip is required to maintain the scholarship.**)
- Must be willing to raise funds for the mission trip that will include the following: passport, shots (immunizations), deposit (\$200) and incidentals.
- Must be willing to provide a written report to the NBC Congress of Christian Education and the Foreign Mission Board at the conclusion of the mission trip.
- Must be present at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Annual Session to receive initial scholarship award.

Section II: The Essay

All applicants will submit an essay that will address the following:

- How would you explain your faith journey with God to a friend
- Explain the following concept “the Word of God is inerrant”
- How would you explain salvation in Christ Jesus to someone who does not believe in God
- Explain your personal attributes, i.e., leadership roles you have held, participation in specific activities, awards and recognitions received, as well as work or volunteer history and/or community service.
- Documentation of all references are required on a separate sheet (the reference page is not included in the 4-5 pages due for the essay)

*The essay must be original and prepared by the applicant.

The essay **must** be typewritten, saved and submitted in a **WORD DOCUMENT FORMAT**, Times New Roman, 12.5 font, double-spaced, using Standard English, 4-5 pages, with a word count of 800 minimum to 1250 maximum. The essay must be logical, correct in form and content, relevant to the application criteria, and address each question or points referenced. The essay must clearly document all references or copyrighted material cited. All supporting documentation must be typed or neatly printed, complete and accurate and submitted within the designated deadlines.

Section III: Application/Personal Data Sheet

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Last 4 of SS# XXX-XX-_____

Church _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Pastor _____

Signature of Pastor _____

High School _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

College (to which you've been accepted) _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

State Convention _____

Signature of Convention President _____ Date _____

Signature of State Congress President _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Section IV. Submission Guidelines

The applicant's essay and supporting documentation, i.e., (applicant's most recent high school transcript, the completed biographical data sheet and the documentation submission check list form) must be received by the close of business day, Friday, March 31, 2016 via electronic version (email) and 8 (eight) paper copies of all the required written documents are to be sent via postal submission to the Office of the Dream Maker's Scholarship Commission.

The Applicant must submit the following via **email**: *nationalbaptistdreammakers@gmail.com*

- Name in the subject line
- Completed personal data sheet
- Typewritten essay per criteria (***MUST BE SAVED AND SENT IN WORD FORMAT***)
- Electronic photo of contestant (please no copies of ID cards-this photo will be submitted for the website posting)

The Applicant must submit 8 (eight) complete packets of the following via: **U.S. Postal Service**:

- Completed personal data sheet
- Most recent high school transcript
- 3 (three) letters of recommendation (Pastor, Teacher/Counselor, District/Association Officer)
- Type written essays per criteria
- Church registration with National and State Convention and Congresses
- Individual Registration for Youth Division
- Letter of Acceptance from college or university
- Signed letter of commitment for mission trip
- Documentation submission check list form

Send to: Dream Maker's Scholarship Commission


Attention: Dr. Peter F. Williams

PO Box 1704

Rockford, IL 61110

Application Deadline is March 31, 2016, close of business day. This means that all required documents must be submitted via email and postal mail by March 31, 2016 (postmarked before or on March 31, 2016). There will be no extensions or exceptions to this deadline.

Section V: Documentation Submission Check List

 When completed	Item(s) Required	Date Submitted
	Application/Personal Data Sheet	
	Most Recent Transcript	
	Essay	
	Letter of Recommendation- <i>Pastor</i>	
	Letter of Recommendation- <i>Teacher or Guidance Counselor</i>	
	Letter of Recommendation- <i>District/Association Officer</i>	
	Copy of Church registration for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the NBC Congress of Christian Education from prior and current year of application.	
	Copy of Applicants Individual Registration for the Youth Division, dated within the past 3 years	
	Copy of Acceptance Letter to College or University	
	Signed Commitment for Mission Trip	
	Completed Mission Application Process and Form	

National Baptist Congress Dream Makers Mission Trip Liability Waiver Form



To the best of my knowledge, I am in good physical condition and fully able to participate in this National Baptist Congress Dream Makers Mission trip to Haiti. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with the participation in this mission trip, including physical injury or even death, and hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said mission trip and activities included within the trip, knowing that the associated physical activity may be hazardous to me and to my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OR LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of participation in this course.

I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION/NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. I, _____ release NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION/NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION from any and all liability, claims, demands, action and causes of actions whatsoever arising of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in physical activity (National Baptist Congress Dream Makers Mission Trip), or while on or upon the premises where the event is being conducted.

It is my expressed intent that this release and hold harmless agreement shall bind the members of my family, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, and COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be constructed in accordance with the laws of the [your state] _____.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I HAVE READ THE FORGOING Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, UNDERSTAND IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements have been made and I EXECUTE THIS RELEASE FOR FULL, ADEQUATE AND COMPLETE CONSIDERATION FULLY INTENDING TO BE BOUND BY SAME.

Student's Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Event _____

National Baptist Congress Dream Makers Mission Trip Permission Slip



Date of trip	Date of Departure	Date of Return
August 2016 (tentative)	TBD	TBD

Location _____

Approximately number of children _____

Age of Children _____

Description of what children will be doing or where they will be going

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of _____ born on _____, 19____. I warrant that I possess all the rights, powers, and privileges of a parent or legal guardian necessary to execute this document with binding legal effect.

As the parent or legal guardian of _____, I certify and affirm that I have been completely and thoroughly informed that as a child attending _____, my child will participate in certain activities which carry with them a degree of risk and danger. I acknowledge and understand that _____ may offer other activities not listed above that present similar risks or dangers to my child. I consent to my child's participation in these activities. I acknowledge and understand that this PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION, CONSENT AND RELEASE has the same force and effect regardless of whether the activities engaged in are free or if a fee is charged. Further, I personally assume, on my child's behalf, all risk in connection with said activities for any harm, injury or damages that may befall my child as a

result of my child's participation in the activities, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and I still wish to allow my child to proceed with the activities.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in these activities and to use _____, equipment and facilities, on behalf of my child, I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless _____, from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my child's participation in these activities or use of _____, equipment and facilities. I understand that it is my obligation to inform the church of any and all health considerations or medical conditions that would restrict my child's participation in any and all activities while in the care of _____. Should the need for medical attention arise, the church will attempt to contact me as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

In cases of emergency, I further consent to the examination or treatment of my child by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in the United States of America or any health care professional duly licensed to provide health care serviced in the United States of America for medical care and services deemed necessary by the doctor, its agents, servants, and employees. I give permission to the doctor or health care professional to provide any and all medical care they deem, in their professional opinion, to be necessary. I agree to pay for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of the use of this consent.

I acknowledge by signing this document, that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my child's participation in these activities, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. on the basis of any claim form which I have released them herein. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions remain in full force and effect. I have fully informed myself to the contents of this PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION, CONSENT AND RELEASE by reading it before I signed it.

Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Contact Number in case of an emergency

Notary Signature - **Must also be stamped by Notary**