

**First Calvary Baptist Church  
Scholarship Ministry**

**Elnora Shields**



**Academic Scholarship Application**

## CRITERIA

The recipient of the First Calvary Baptist Church \$1500 Academic Scholarship will be selected on the basis of **academic achievement (GPA) and church membership/involvement**. Each applicant should also include a written essay and two recommendation letters to complete the packet. The recipient(s) will be REQUIRED to attend the reception on Graduation Sunday.

## ACADEMICS

Students must currently have a **"3.5"** or greater **unweighted** grade point average. Only unweighted GPAs will be considered because some private schools do not use weighted grade point averages.

## ESSAY

The applicant will complete a 250 word typed, double-spaced essay in which you describe your goals, how you plan to achieve them, and how an education will help you make a contribution to your community.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP/INVOLVEMENT

Student should be a member or affiliate of the body of First Calvary Baptist Church.

**Membership** (for the purposes of the FCBC Scholarship) is defined as a student who: 1) is a member of First Calvary, 2) has a parent/legal guardian that is a member of First Calvary, OR 3) is affiliated with First Calvary through active participation in church ministries and consistent attendance in worship.

**Affiliate** is defined as a student who participates in FCBC outreach ministries such as Vacation Bible School, Scouts, or Recreation Ministry.

**\*NOTE:** Attendance in a study ministry (i.e. Bible Study or Sunday School), AND active participation in at least one non self-serving ministry of the church (i.e. tutor for Project FINE, assist in the nursery, Music Ministry, usher, serving food for Culinary Arts Ministry) is preferred but not required. **\*\*The Chairperson of the ministry must provide written confirmation of student's active participation in the ministry for the current school year.**

The following is a list of typed documents that each student must provide/fill out completely for the **Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship**. **All items must be** submitted to First Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry (**NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 AT 7:00 PM.**):

1. Application for the "FCBC Scholarship"
2. Copy of high school (official) transcript (issued by the Guidance Counselor)
3. Church Involvement/Ministry Statement – Must be signed by Ministry Chairperson
4. 250 word typed essay (completed and signed by student) Separate from Katara Harris Merit essay
5. \*Two (2) personal recommendation letters (see below). These letters must be completed and signed by persons recommending the student for the scholarship
6. PROOF of ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING

\*Written recommendations must be from the following: one (1) church member (**excluding the Pastor and parents**), and one (1) from the following: guidance counselor, teacher, coach, etc. Recommendations should be no more than 100 words typed clearly describing the applicant's personal drive. **Two (2) letters of recommendation are required and must be typed and signed.**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT!!! Please make sure that ALL 6 items above are completed and submitted together in a sealed 8 ½ by 11 envelope. Incomplete packets WILL NOT be accepted for consideration. To prevent late arrival, plan early to have your transcript and recommendation letters available to you so you can place them in a sealed envelope to be included with your total packet.**

## **DEADLINE**

The Scholarship Ministry must receive all materials in the **Scholarship Ministry mailbox** (outside the church office) by **7:00 pm**, Wednesday, **April 25, 2018**. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

If there are questions concerning the contents of the Scholarship Application Packet, please contact Traci Boone ([traci\\_boone2000@yahoo.com](mailto:traci_boone2000@yahoo.com)) or Brenda Carter ([brenda\\_6470404@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda_6470404@yahoo.com)) or [scholarship@firstcalvary.org](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org).

# First Calvary Baptist Church Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship Application

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS/GUARDIANS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

DATES ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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ARE YOU OR YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN A MEMBER OF FIRST CALVARY?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ACTIVITIES/MINISTRIES \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU WILL ATTEND:

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**First Calvary Baptist Church**  
**Scholarship Packet FINAL CHECKLIST**  
**For Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship**

- Scholarship Application:  
*Students may apply for both but may only receive one scholarship.*
  - a. Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Katara Harris Merit Award                      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Official Copy of high school transcript (issued by the Guidance Counselor)
- Community Service Form(s)-Must be signed by the Community Service Rep.  
**\*\*Only Required for Katara Harris Merit Award\*\***
- Church Involvement/Ministry Statement – Must be signed by Ministry Chairperson
- 250 word typed essay (completed and signed by student)
- \*Two personal recommendation letters. These must be completed and signed by persons recommending the student for the scholarship.
- Proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning

I have used the above checklist to validate that my application packet is complete and includes all of the items listed above for the appropriate scholarship.

I understand that I may apply for either scholarship or both. I also understand that only completed applications will be considered and I must submit the above items in a **sealed 8 ½ x 11 envelope** by **7:00pm** on **Wednesday April 25, 2018** and placed in the **Scholarship Ministry mailbox.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**First Calvary Baptist Church  
Scholarship Ministry**

**Katara Harris**



**Merit Award Application**

## CRITERIA

The recipient of the **\$750 Katara Harris Merit Award** will be selected on the basis of **3 criteria**:

- 1) Academics,
- 2) Community Service/Essay and
- 3) Church Membership/Involvement.

All three criteria are equally important, and each is equally weighted in the selection process. The recipient(s) will be **REQUIRED** to attend the reception on Graduation Sunday.

The three criteria will be judged, in part, by:

## ACADEMICS

Students must currently have a minimum grade point average of **"2.5"**.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/ESSAY

Student must actively participate in community service. . In addition, the applicant must complete a 250 word essay typed, and double-spaced describing how the student's community service impacted his/her goals, how he/she plans to achieve them, and how a college education will help him/her make a contribution to the community. Points will be deducted if the essay does not meet the 250 word minimal requirement.

Students should complete a **minimum of 20 hours** of community service **between June 2017 and April 2018. Written confirmation must be submitted by an authorized representative where the service was performed. Please note: Parents/guardians are prohibited from writing letters of recommendations.**

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP/INVOLVEMENT

Student may or may not \* be a member of the body of First Calvary Baptist Church.

**Membership** (for the purposes of the Katara Harris Merit Award) is defined as a student who: 1) is a member of First Calvary, 2) has a parent/legal guardian who is a member of First Calvary, OR 3) is \*affiliated with First Calvary through active participation in church ministries and consistent attendance in worship.

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***PLEASE NOTE:*** Attendance in a study ministry (i.e. Bible Study or Sunday School), AND active participation in at least one non self-serving ministry of the church (i.e. tutor for Project FINE,

*assist in the nursery, Music Ministry, usher, serving food for Culinary Arts Ministry) is preferred but not required. Please have the Ministry Chair complete and sign the Church Membership/Involvement Statement to be submitted with your application.*

The following is a list of typed documents each student must provide/fill out completely for the **Katara Harris Merit Award** and submit to First Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry:

1. Application for the **“Katara Harris Merit Award”**
2. Official Copy of high school transcript (issued by the Guidance Counselor)
3. Community Service Form(s)-Must be signed by the Community Service Rep.
4. Church Involvement/Ministry Statement – Signed by Ministry Chairperson
5. 250 word typed essay (completed and signed by student) Separate from the Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship essay
6. \*Two personal recommendation letters (see below). These must be completed and signed by persons recommending the student for the scholarship.
7. PROOF of ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING.

\*The two (2) written recommendations should be from the following:

- One (1) from church member (**excluding the Pastor and parents/guardians**), and
- One (1) from the following: guidance counselor, teacher, coach, etc.

Recommendations should be no more than 100 words typed clearly to describe the applicant’s personal drive. **Two (2) letters of recommendation are required and must be typed and signed.**

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Katara Harris Merit Award Application**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE – Katara Harris Merit Award**  
**Please use a separate sheet per Community Service Involvement**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Activity (please describe):

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In 2-3 sentences describe how this service impacted your life. \_\_\_\_\_

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Approximate number of Community Service hours rendered: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Community Service \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Representative's Name (Please print):

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Complete Address (location of project, if applicable):

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Telephone Number (of project's office, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Title of Representative (must be signed to be considered):

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Calvary Baptist Church  
Church Involvement and Ministry Statement

This notice is to provide written confirmation that

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(Student's Name)

has been an active participant in the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ministry for the current  
school year.

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Signature of Ministry Chair / Designee

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Date

**First Calvary Baptist Church**  
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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_