

J. H. Freeman Scholarship Guidelines

(Academic Year: Sum. 2025 - Spg. 2026)

Greater New Guide Baptist Church

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To: J. H. Freeman Scholarship Applicants

From: Scholarship Committee

Subject: Application Guidelines (Effective: Class of 2025)

Christian Qualifications:

1. Must be a recent high school graduate and an active member of Greater New Guide Baptist Church as defined by the church guidelines, a member for at least **12 months**, participate in at least **one** youth ministry, and participate in church events.
2. Parents or guardians must be in good financial standing with the church. Good standing are parent(s) or guardian(s) in the household of the child that is tithing or at least giving the minimum household requirement for membership.
3. Must have attendance of 80% of Christian Education classes that includes Sunday school, Youth Bible Study, or a combination of the two.
4. Must possess Christian attributes, Fruit of the Spirit (Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Meekness, and Temperance. This requirement will be measured by teachers, counselors, ministers, members of the congregation, etc.

Educational Qualifications:

1. Must be a recent high school graduate;
2. Must have a grade point average of at least **2.5 G.P.A.**;
3. Must make an application and be accepted to a post-secondary educational institution which includes college, university, vocational technical college, trade, Bible college or seminary (nationally accredited)

Scholarship Funding:

The scholarship award is to be applied to the student's total cost of tuition. The total cost is defined as any other expenses the student may incur as a result of attending a post-secondary institution to include, but not limited to room and board, lab fees, meal card, parking permit, special fees, books, equipment, and other items that are **required by the learning institution and/or listed on the institution's supply/equipment list.**

Students **who receive full scholarships** from other sources will be given a **partial scholarship to be determined by the number of GNG students applying and the budget.**

The max scholarship amount is figured annually and based on the average of 5 Louisiana Colleges and Universities. The total dollar award will be determined by the church budget allocation for that particular year. The amount per award will be determined by the number of students eligible. The recipient will know the dollar amount upon receiving their award.

The scholarship recipient must expend eligible funds within a 5 year period.

Guidelines for Awarding Scholarship:

All interested persons must submit an application by the 1st Sunday, June. The envelope should be sealed and addressed to the scholarship committee and should include the following:

1. **Scholarship Application**
2. **Official High School Transcript (*with seal*)**
3. **Personal Christian Growth Essay (250 words):** *Topic: Christian Growth" and why you should receive J. H. Freeman Scholarship Award.* Describe how you

demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit in your daily lives to include home, school, church and/or your interaction with teachers, administrators, friends, family and church members). Use at least three Spirits (*love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance*). *Must be typed and double spaced* if not submitted by GNG's electronic platform

4. **Two Letters of Recommendation** from an active church member, teacher, guidance counselor and or administrator.
5. **Spiritual Inventory.** The pastor or his appointee shall administer the inventory. The inventory is designed to assess spiritual knowledge and growth. The inventory score does not prevent the applicant from receiving the award.

Note: Electronic applications may be submitted when offered by GNG.

Guidelines for Maintaining Scholarship

1. Maintain regular attendance at Greater New Guide. If attending school out of parish and/or state, the applicant should remain in fellowship with another congregation. The worship center of choice will be asked to confirm attendance.
2. Maintain a 2.8 GPA or higher confirmed by current transcripts.

Guidelines for Payments

1. Submit GNG's provided check request form for all items to be paid including reimbursements.
2. Submit invoices (i.e. tuition, housing, fees, etc.), school supply/equipment list, proof of enrollment, etc. related to the type of payment requested.
3. Submit receipts for eligible expenses paid in advance.

Award Ceremony:

The graduate award and recognition ceremony will be held on the **third Sunday in June** following the established worship service. There will be reserved seating for graduates and parents. A reception shall follow the ceremony.

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