

## FMBC Scholarship Descriptions & Requirements

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### ***Franklin D. Riley Scholarship***

Mr. Franklin D. Riley faithfully served as a Deacon at Freewill Missionary Baptist Church and was the co-owner of Phillips and Riley Funeral Home. He believed in humble beginnings, upheld a strong work ethic, valued meaningful community engagement, and exemplified a steadfast commitment to the church. The recipient of the Franklin D. Riley Scholarship will receive **\$500.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay describing a significant high school experience or change, how you responded, what you learned about yourself, and how it impacted your completion of high school.
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## ***Freewill Excellence Scholarship***

The Freewill Missionary Baptist Church Excellence Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating high school senior who embodies the mission and vision of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church. This scholarship recognizes a student who demonstrates a developing commitment to their faith and a willingness to engage, equip, and empower their school, church, and community. The recipient of the Freewill Excellence Scholarship will receive **\$1,000.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
- Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter.
- Submit a 150–200 word essay titled *“Why Should I Be Awarded the Freewill Excellence Scholarship?”*

In your essay, explain your motivation for pursuing a college education, and whether you will be a first-generation college student. Explain your educational and career goals, why earning a college degree is important to you, and describe a personal goal you hope to achieve after completing college.

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## ***Bobby Allen Memorial Scholarship***

This memorial scholarship was established in loving memory of Bobby Allen, whose 24 years of life were a gift from God and a light to all who knew him. Though his time here was far too short, his faith, compassion, and quiet strength continue to speak in ways that words cannot fully capture. Scripture reminds us that “The memory of the righteous is a blessing” (Proverbs 10:7), and it is the prayer of Bobby Allen’s family that this scholarship becomes a living extension of his legacy. Through this offering, Bobby will be honored for who he was, a loving son and brother.

It is the family’s prayer that every recipient of this scholarship be encouraged to walk boldly in their purpose, remembering that even in loss, God brings forth seeds of promise, purpose, and everlasting impact.

The recipient of the Bobby Allen Memorial Scholarship will receive **\$500.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official vocational or community college acceptance letter.
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay describing why you chose to attend a Vocational or Community College instead of a traditional 4-year college institution.
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## ***Clarence & Frankie Goldsmith Scholarship***

This scholarship honors the legacy of Deacon Clarence Goldsmith and Mother Frankie Goldsmith, two founding members of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, whose lives reflected faith, service, and a steadfast commitment to education. They deeply valued learning and ensured that each of their five children had the opportunity to pursue a college education.

The Clarence & Frankie Goldsmith Scholarship seeks to continue that legacy by supporting a deserving high school senior in their pursuit of higher education and inspiring the next generation of educators.

The recipient of the Clarence & Frankie Goldsmith Scholarship will receive **\$500.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay describing a personal accomplishment that you are most proud of that occurred while in high-school, along with the personal strengths and skills you used to achieve it.
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## ***Drs. Julian & Mary McIntyre Scholarship***

Drs. Julian and Mary McIntyre proudly fund this annual scholarship to ease the burden of financial debt and open doors to opportunity. By recognizing academic excellence, they aim to inspire a deserving student to pursue higher education with confidence and achieve their full potential. The recipient of the Drs. Julian & Mary McIntyre scholarship will receive **\$1,000.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay describing your specific educational plans and career goals. Explain why you selected this academic path and profession. Identify a person who has inspired your aspirations and describe how their influence has shaped your goals.
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## ***Edward J. Nettles Sr. Scholarship***

Pastor Emeritus Edward J. Nettles Sr. was honored with the prestigious Living Legend Award, and his portrait is proudly displayed in the Living Legends Museum. This distinguished recognition reflects his significant contributions to the city of Montgomery and the surrounding communities. The Edward J. Nettles Sr. Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving high school senior who exemplifies the qualities of a Living Legend. The recipient of the Edward J. Nettles Sr. Scholarship will receive **\$1,000.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay titled, “Being a Living Legend.” In your own words, explain what it means to be a “Living Legend.” Describe the qualities and attributes you believe a person should possess to earn this distinguished title. Additionally, identify who you would select as the next “Living Legend” and explain why you believe that individual deserves the honor.
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## ***Pruitt-Oliver Book Scholarship***

The Pruitt-Oliver Scholarship was the first scholarship created at Freewill Missionary Baptist Church. Its inception followed the passing of the family matriarch, Mrs. Mary Lois Payne Pruitt; her son-in-law, Lieutenant Oliver, Sr.; and her grandson, Lieutenant Oliver, Jr. In the midst of such profound loss, the family chose to honor their legacy by creating a scholarship in their memory. The scholarship was designed to assist a deserving student with the cost of books during their first year of college or vocational school, providing meaningful support at the beginning of their educational journey. The recipient of the Pruitt-Oliver Scholarship will receive **\$1,400.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
- Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
- As you begin your post-secondary education, you may discover that essential college expenses—such as textbooks, lab fees, and course materials—can be costly.

Submit a 150–200 word essay explaining the importance of having adequate resources to support your academic success in college. Additionally, describe how receiving this scholarship would help offset the cost of these expenses and contribute to your overall educational goals.

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## ***Osorio & Shirley Toston Scholarship***

The Osorio & Shirley Toston Book Scholarship is designed to help offset the cost of educational expenses, such as textbooks and lab fees, which are often not fully covered by other forms of financial aid. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is an active church member and has demonstrated consistent participation in church programs, community service initiatives, or leadership roles within the congregation. The recipient of the Osorio & Shirley Toston Scholarship will receive **\$500.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay that describes a book, poem, speech, or piece of literature that inspired you in some way during your K-12 educational journey. What inspiration did you take from it and how can you apply that to your future educational goals?
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## ***Todd Family Educational Scholarship***

The Todd Family Educational Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving high school senior whose faith, dedicated service to Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, and active involvement in community service are clearly reflected in both their academic accomplishments and future aspirations. This scholarship recognizes a student who demonstrates a consistent commitment to serving others, participating in church ministries and outreach efforts, and making a meaningful impact within their community. The recipient of the Todd Family Educational Scholarship will receive **\$500.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months and actively involved in community service.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay that describes how your active participation in Freewill Missionary Baptist Church and your involvement in community service have shaped your character, values, and educational goals.
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## ***De'Anthony Powell Future Leaders Scholarship***

The De'Anthony Powell Future Leaders Scholarship was established to invest in the next generation of leaders who demonstrate character, resilience, and a commitment to making a meaningful impact in their communities. This scholarship moves beyond traditional academic measurements to recognize individuals who lead through real-life experiences, personal growth, and purpose-driven actions. The recipient of the De'Anthony Powell Future Leaders Scholarship may be awarded to one recipient for **\$500** or two recipients for **\$250** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Submit a written purpose statement, a personal impact response, a resilience reflection, and one character reference letter.
  - Recipients are expected to give back within 12 months through mentorship, service, or community involvement. This reinforces the scholarship's mission of creating a cycle of leadership and impact.
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## ***Noble Psi Phi Scholarship***

The Noble Psi Phi Fraternity, a non-Greek, service-oriented brotherhood founded on the campus of Alabama State University in 1977, is committed to fostering unity and creating a meaningful impact within the community. In support of this mission, the fraternity proudly awards the Noble Psi Phi Scholarship to a deserving graduating high school senior who demonstrates exceptional leadership, a genuine concern for others, academic excellence, strong moral character, active community involvement, and commitment to church service. The recipient of the Noble Psi Phi Scholarship will receive **\$250.00** toward their college education.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church for at least six months.
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Submit one letter of recommendation on official letterhead from either a teacher or a church member (Excluded: Education Ministry member, Pastor, Youth Pastor, or relative).
  - Provide a copy of the official college or university acceptance letter
  - Submit a 150–200 word essay that describes how you plan to use your education to make a positive impact in your community and beyond.
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