

**The Safe Place Ministry of
Woodstream Church
Scholarship Application**

Dear Scholar:

Thank you for your interest in The Safe Place Ministry Scholarship. Please read the Scholarship Application Criteria and Statement of Affirmation thoroughly. Your completed application and all supporting documentation must be received by the committee no later than **May 3, 2026, by 11:59pm EDT**. Any omission of the required documentation and/or late submission will result in an automatic disqualification for a scholarship award. Awardees will be notified by **May 8, 2026**.

The purpose of The Safe Place Ministry Courage Scholarship is to provide support to a student with special needs who is transitioning from a high school special education program to an adult community service program, vocational program or college. Special needs is defined as a form of intellectual, mental health or physical disability. The scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, and fees needed to pay for ancillary supplies (braille writers and printers, reading services and state of the art computer software for the hearing impaired, etc) and are paid directly to the college/university/ trade school. The Safe Place Ministry is aware that students with special needs are frequently eliminated from standard scholarships that focus on standardized test scores and GPA's. Therefore, this financial and technological support enables disabled students to participate fully in a classroom setting.

The Safe Place Ministry Omari Buchanan Scholarship is designated to support a student that is embarking upon a college degree in a 2- or 4- year institution and majoring in a field of study related to supporting the special needs community such as special education, psychology, sociology, occupational or physical therapy, and speech-language pathology.

Please indicate which Scholarship you are applying for, and check-off items included in your application.

_____ **The Safe Place Ministry Courage Scholarship**

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or service provider
- _____ Documentation of disability (current IEP, diagnosis from physician, etc.)
- _____ Proof of enrollment in a high school program (transcript, letter, report card)
- _____ Headshot Photograph can be a graduation photo

_____ **The Safe Place Ministry Omari Buchanan Scholarship**

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Essay (why you should be a recipient)
- _____ Letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or service provider
- _____ Proof of enrollment in a high school program (transcript, letter, report card)
- _____ Headshot Photograph can be a graduation photo

Statement of Affirmation:

I _____, am applying for The Safe Place Ministry Scholarship for the Academic Year 2025-2026. I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all information and statements provided in this application are complete and accurate. I also agree to supply all academic records, disability documentation and other supporting documents. I understand that failure to do so by the submission deadline will disqualify me from further consideration for a scholarship.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

**The Safe Place Ministry of
Woodstream Church
Scholarship Application**

Applicants for this scholarship must be one of the following:

_____ Graduating from high school by June 2026 and will be attending a 2- or 4- year college program in the following areas of study: special education, psychology, sociology, occupational or physical therapy, speech-language pathology or other majors in fields of study that support individuals with special needs.

_____ Graduating from high school by June 2026 and will be attending a 2- or 4- year college program and has a documented area of special needs that has been formally diagnosed.

_____ Graduating with a high school diploma or completing high school with a certificate of completion by June 2026 and will be attending a vocational, technical or trade school unaccredited life skills program, or workforce development program.

1. Name:

_____ (Last) (First) (MI)

2.

_____ Home # _____ Cell# _____ Email address

3.

_____ Home Address

_____ City _____ State _____ ZIP

4. Current School Attending: _____

5. Expected Date of Graduation/Completion: _____

6. Student is exiting high school with one of the following:

_____ HS Diploma _____ Certificate of completion

7. Name of trade school, alternative program or college you will be attending:

_____ City and State: _____

8. List of extracurricular activities, any office held and/or special recognition received.

9. For college bound students, write an essay explaining why you should be selected for this scholarship.

10. Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

11. Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Confidentiality of records will be maintained throughout the scholarship process. Application materials will be shredded upon completion of the review and award process.