
Scholarship Committee

Scope: Provide scholarship monies (funds) for deserving students of ARBC.

Purpose:

To accept and review applications for the ARBC Scholarships to be awarded in June of each year to high school seniors. To maintain pertinent guidelines for selecting and awarding ARBC scholarships and monitor adherence thereto. To screen and interview scholarship applicants. To select scholarship recipients based upon available funds and number of applicants, approve associated administrative actions and to manage scholarship funding efforts as needed.

Membership:

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of six (6) members nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church for a three-year rotating term which begins in January annually. Four committee members shall be active church members-at-large, one member shall be a Student Sunday School Teacher, and one member shall be a Professional Educator. During the year of consideration, family members of potential scholarship recipients shall be ineligible to serve as Scholarship Committee members. Ex-officio members of the committee are a Pastoral staff liaison assigned by the Lead Pastor and a Deacon liaison assigned by the Deacon chair.

Relationships:

The committee assists the church, within the realm of the committee purpose, in fulfilling the church's Mission: To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to minister to the needs of our congregation, the community, and the world through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Committee Chair serves as a member of the Church Council.

Duties:

1. To communicate to the church membership when students may start the application process.
2. To receive, monitor and review applications.
3. To screen applicants and interview those who meet required criteria.
4. To select as many as two scholarship recipients each year.
5. To award the recipient with the ARBC Scholarship in June annually during the church's graduate recognition service.
6. To approve the issuance of the scholarship check and administer the ARBC Scholarship Program.
7. Work through various means to fund the scholarship program.
8. Periodically, but at least every three years, review and maintain appropriate ARBC Scholarship Guidelines and submit revisions to Policy, Procedure and Bylaws Committee.
9. Meet as often as needed to accomplish the committee's purpose.
10. Invite assigned Pastoral staff and Deacon liaisons to committee meetings and provide a copy of meeting minutes.
11. Provide a written report of deliberations, activities, and recommendations to the Church Council when requested.

I. APPLICANT

1. May be either female or male.
2. Must be residing in North Carolina.
3. Must be a member of Aversboro Road Baptist Church (ARBC) and a regularly attending member of the church in good standing for a minimum of one year or whose parents (guardian) have been regularly attending members for one year. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to consider special situations.
4. Must have been accepted for enrollment in an accredited college, university, or technical school.
5. Application must be postmarked or hand delivered by or for applicant not later than April 15 of each year to Aversboro Road Baptist Church, ATTN: ARBC Scholarship Committee.
6. Applicant will include two current letters of references from different sources. One letter should be from a teacher or school official and one should be from an unrelated non-family adult who knows the applicant well. Each letter must include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer. Each letter **must be sealed** in an envelope by the writer and submitted by the applicant with the application.
7. Applicant will provide a sealed current high school official transcript by April 15.
8. Completed applications, including all required supporting documents, shall be sent in one package to: Aversboro Road Baptist Church, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 1600 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529
9. Applicant may be interviewed by the ARBC Scholarship Committee should she/he become one of the scholarship finalists.

II. SCHOLARSHIP

1. A Scholarship award in the amount of \$1000.00 (one-thousand dollars) may be awarded to as many as two eligible high school seniors at the discretion of the ARBC Scholarship Committee in June of each year. The committee reserves the right to make no award in any year.
2. A check shall be issued to the school at the beginning of the term or semester for which a scholarship is awarded. The scholarship is a one-time award. In the event the scholarship recipient fails to enroll in the coming academic year or the recipient drops out of school, the recipient will be obligated to reimburse ARBC for any amount of the scholarship not refunded by the institution.
3. The Scholarship Committee will consider factors including church involvement, scholastic achievement, participation in extracurricular and school activities, community involvement, letters of references and the needs of the student.
4. ARBC Scholarship Committee, in consultation with the Deacons, prior to the distribution of funds, reserves the right to revoke any scholarship award even after the award is announced, for misconduct or other reasons at the committee's discretion.

NOTICE:

Applicant should complete the application entirely. If something does not apply, the applicant should enter N/A or none as a response. **PLEASE ENCLOSE ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION WITH THE APPLICATION. IF ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS NOT SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION, IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**