

**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
185 EDDIE ROBINSON SR. DRIVE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802**

**2025
GORDON M. PAYNE MEMORIAL TECHNICAL CAREER
SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear Applicant:

The Scholarship Committee of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church invites you to apply for the **Gordon M. Payne Memorial Technical Career in the amount of \$1,000.00** the Scholarship will be **awarded in June of this year**. The scholarship is awarded based on grade point average, church/school/club participation, economic need, letter of recommendation from teacher/school principal, economic need, essay on what the church means to you, and application typed and neatly completed.

Please complete your application online. Applications can be found on Shiloh's website at www.shilohbr.com. Please email your application to: jljones@shilohmbc.com or jwilliams@shilohmbc.com or mail to 185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Dr. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 before the deadline. Please write on the envelope, Attention: Rev. Jennifer Jones, Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

Applications will be distributed April 27, 2025, thru the deadline to return applications online or by mail is May 18, 2025, no later than 11:59am.

If you have any questions, please contact any one of the persons listed below, or if you need assistance with the application, please contact the office to schedule an appointment.

*Rev. Jennifer Jones, Chairperson
jljones@shilohmbc.com
225-343-0640*

*Ms. Jackie Williams, Adm. Assistant
jwilliams@shilohmbc.com
225-388-9998*

Enclosure

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STEPS THAT NEED YOUR ATTENTION

1. Please complete **each** blank in your scholarship application. This includes complete addresses and zip codes. Incomplete applications will lose 10 points. Handwritten applications will be penalized 10 points.
2. Please submit a transcript, along with application on or before **May 18, 2025**, to **verify your grade point average by "School Counselor"**.
3. Complete required 200–250-word, double-spaced essay. Essays are evaluated for content and quality of writing (spelling, grammar, punctuation).

Applications must be returned by Sunday, May 18, 2025, to the Scholarship Mailbox in a sealed envelope, via email to:

jljones@shilohmbc.com, or jwilliams@shilohmbc.com, no later than 11:59am

**Mail to Attn: Rev. Jennifer Jones, 185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Dr.,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

4. Select the total income of the entire household. If you do not **select** an answer, you will not receive any points in this category.
5. On the application, indicate the total number of persons in the household supported by parents/guardians/applicant and/or spouse, if applicable.
6. **All letters of recommendation must be signed by the teacher/school principal, Sunday school/Bible study teacher, pastor, or his/her or ministry leader to be accepted.**
7. Please include a **current (headshot)** graduation photo when submitting your application.

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I. OVERVIEW

The family of Gordon M. Payne, daughters Vanessa Payne and Karroll Payne McGregory, recommended the implementation of this scholarship in 2011. The Gordon M. Payne Memorial Technical Career Scholarship is targeted for students in skilled areas (Brick Masonry, Cosmetologist/Barber, Welding, Plumbing, Auto Mechanics, Electrical, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, and Technology...).

II. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE

- A. To set up guidelines governing the scholarship program.
- B. To design instruments for evaluating applicants in an objective manner.
- C. To annually publicize the scholarship program.
- D. To annually select a recipient based on a set of objective criteria.
- E. To periodically evaluate the **Gordon M. Payne Memorial Technical Career Scholarship** program.

III. FINANCING OF PROGRAM

Money is generated from the *family of Gordon M. Payne, daughters* Vanessa Payne and Karroll Payne McGregor.

IV. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship will be awarded in the amount of **\$1,000** for that current year.

V. REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- A. Must be a member of a Christian Church for at least one year as evidenced by a letter from the pastor/designee.
- B. Must have ***graduated*** from high school/GED as evidenced by an ***official transcript***.
- C. Must have a grade point average of at least **2.0**.
- D. Must verify enrollment in a **Technical College** as evidenced by documentation from the Technical College.

VI. GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP

- A. All interested persons must fill out an application and submit it to the scholarship committee by a deadline set by the committee.
- B. An **official** copy of a high school/technical career transcript must accompany the application.
- C. **Letters are emailed to ministry leaders requesting information on each applicant for verification.**
- D. After all information is received, the committee meets to determine the recipient.
- E. The committee evaluates each applicant based on a set of criteria previously adopted. The criteria are attached.
- F. Other than the grade point average, the information reported is classified as being true.
- G. After points are totaled for each applicant, the applicant's name and their total points are listed and the recipient is announced. No committee member can determine the recipient until applicant's points have been totaled.
- H. The name of the scholarship recipient is withheld until the Sunday that the scholarship is awarded.
- I. The recipient of the scholarship may collect the scholarship upon presentation of verification (*fee bill*) that he/she is accepted in school.
- J. **If a ministry/auxiliary has only been in existence for six (6) months or less, it will not be considered for that year.**
- K. **Must exhibit active church/school/club participation (recommendation letters from pastor or his/her designee, teacher/school principal and/or ministry leaders).**
- L. A recipient of a *Gordon M. Payne Memorial Technical Career Scholarship* cannot apply again; however, an applicant who did not win may reapply the following year. NOTE, an applicant cannot apply for or be awarded more than one scholarship per year that is administered by the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church!
- M. A member of the Shiloh Scholarship Committee may apply for the Gordon M. Payne Memorial Technical Career Scholarship; however, he/she may not participate in the evaluation process.

VII. PROCEDURE FOR BREAKING TIES

In case of a tie, the person with the greatest economic need would be declared the recipient. If this is the same, the person who is more actively involved in church work will precede the other. If everything is the same, the committee will vote to break the tie, and the recipient will be given 1 point.

VIII. PENALTIES

- A. Incomplete applications will be penalized ten points.***
- B. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.***

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FRED JEFF SMITH, PASTOR**

**2025 GORDON M. PAYNE MEMORIAL TECHNICAL CAREER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

PLEASE SUBMIT A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT On or Before May 18, 2025.

DIRECTIONS: This application must be typed. All sections must be completed.
Type N/A if the question does not apply.

Check all that apply

INDICATE YOUR STATUS: _____ FIRST SEMESTER
 _____ SECOND SEMESTER
 _____ THIRD SEMESTER
 _____ FOURTH SEMESTER
 _____ OTHER

Name _____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Birthdate _____ Sex _____ Marital Status _____

Your Grade Point Average: High School _____ Technical College _____

Name of Technical College Attending _____

Program of Study _____

Father's Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Mother's Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Do you live with both parents? _____ If not, with whom? _____

Total number supported by parents or guardian _____ (including parents)

For Married Applicants – Spouse’s Name _____

What church are you a member of? _____

When did you join? Month _____ Year _____

Do you attend Sunday school? _____ if yes, indicate your teacher/teachers _____

Do you attend Bible Study? _____ if yes indicate your teacher/teachers _____

Church Auxiliaries/Ministries in which you are or have been active in the last year. Be sure to include Sunday school and/or Bible Study. **If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet. (8 points)**

Auxiliary/Ministry

Sponsor or President

Include a letter from sponsor or ministry leader that can attest to how active you have been in an auxiliary/ministry in the last year. (7 points)

List school and community clubs/organizations in which you have been active in the last year. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet. **(8 points)**

Clubs/Organization(s)

List of the awards that you have received in the last year. **(7 points)**

Awards

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Essay

Indicate in paragraph form (200-250 words), double spaced, how the church has been or is an influential factor in your life. Also, indicate how you expect to use the church's teaching in your future life. **(Attach separate sheet) (20 points)**

Letter of Recommendation

Attach letter of recommendation from your pastor or his/her designee. The letter must be on the church letterhead. **(Attach separate sheet) (10 points)**

Total number supported by parents or guardian (including self) _____

Total number supported by applicant _____ and/or spouse _____ (include self)

Applicant's income (if any) _____

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true, accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I will cooperate with the committee's effort to verify the information if it becomes necessary.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

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THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR APPLICANT.

Combined income of entire household. ***(Select One) You must select one in order to qualify for points.***

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$60,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001 - \$70,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001 - \$80,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,001 - \$90,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90,001 - \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - Above | |

Attest:

I hereby certify that this information is true, accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will cooperate with the committee's effort to verify the information if it becomes necessary.

Parent's/Guardian's or Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Fred Jeff Smith, Pastor
Mrs. Betty Fisher
Mrs. Je'ne Jones
Mrs. Thelma Jones
Mrs. Carmen Victorian
Ms. Iris Walker, Secretary
Mrs. Tonya Young

Rev. Jennifer Jones, Director of Charitable Foundation

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EVALUATION SHEET

APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

Number of Points Received

_____ I. **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Grade Point Average

GED 2pts _____

2.0 - 2.4 2 pts _____

2.5 - 2.9 4 pts _____

3.0 - 3.4 6 pts _____

3.5 - 3.7 8 pts _____

3.8 - 4.0 10 pts _____

_____ II. **CHURCH, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
(Maximum 30 points)**

A. Church (15 points)

1. Letter from church sponsor (7 points total) _____

2. Ministry activities (8 points total, 1 point each) _____

B. School/Community (15 points)

1. Club participation in the last year (8 points total)

_____ 2. Awards in the last year (7 points total) _____

_____ III. **ECONOMIC NEED (Maximum 30 points)**

Determined by scale based on income and number of dependents

_____ IV. **APPLICATION COMPLETE AND NEATLY SUBMITTED
(Maximum 5 points)**

_____ V. **PERSONAL STATEMENTS (Maximum 30 points)**

A. 1. Letter of Recommendation from pastor or his/her
designee (10 points) _____

B. 2. Essay (20 points) _____

_____ VI. **LESS PENALTIES**

A. Incomplete Application _____ (10 points)

B. Handwritten Application _____ (10 points)

_____ VII. **TOTAL POINTS RECEIVED**

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ECONOMIC NEED SCALE

INCOME	DEPENDENTS				
	1	2-3	4-5	6-7	8 or more
Below 10,000	30	30	30	30	30
10,001 - 20,000	29	29	30	30	30
20,001 - 30,000	27	28	30	30	30
30,001 - 40,000	25	27	29	30	30
40,001 - 50,000	23	26	28	30	30
50,001 - 60,000	21	25	27	30	30
60,001 - 70,000	19	24	26	30	30
70,001 - 80,000	17	23	25	29	30
80,001 - 90,000	15	22	24	28	30
90,001 - 100,000	13	21	23	27	29
100,001 - Above	12	20	22	26	29

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CHECKLIST

_____ *All personal and family information given*

_____ *Name and address of place of worship*

_____ *Letter from place of worship*

_____ *Essay #1- Plans for furthering education*

_____ *Essay #2- How you promote racial harmony*

_____ *Letter of Recommendation about Racial Harmony/Form*

_____ *Household Income*

_____ *Attest statement signed by parent or applicant 21 or older*

_____ *Release form*