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FRED JEFF SMITH, PASTOR

### ***2026 WALTER C. DUMAS SCHOLARSHIP***

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for the Shiloh Baptist Church Foundation/*Walter C. Dumas Scholarship* that will be awarded in June of this year.

This scholarship was established to honor high school seniors who are committed to achieving racial harmony and who value diversity. Three awards are presented to students of three different ethnic backgrounds. Each student is required as part of the application process to submit essays on racial harmony and the value of diversity. ***Members of Shiloh Baptist Church are ineligible to apply.***

Please read all of the instructions very carefully and follow them completely. Three students will be selected and will each be awarded a \$3,000.00 scholarship to be used at their chosen four-year college or university.

Applications are available April 23, through May 24, 2026, on Shiloh's web site at ***www.shilohbr.com.***

**Applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m., May 24, 2026.**

Completed applications can be emailed to

[Jturner@shilohmbc.com](mailto:Jturner@shilohmbc.com),

hand delivered or mailed to

**Attn: Shiloh Scholarship Committee**

**185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Dr.**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802**

**WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION BY EMAIL CALL 225/343-0640 TO CONFIRM THAT THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please contact Leslie Brown Vincent (225/343-0640) or Jackie Williams (225/388-9998).

*Sincerely, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church/Walter C. Dumas Scholarship Committee*



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## *2026 WALTER C. DUMAS SCHOLARSHIP*

### CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

1. Must be a *current* graduating high school senior enrolled in the **East Baton Rouge Parish public school system**.
2. Must be an *active member* of a church (*other than* Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church), synagogue, mosque, or other, as evidenced by a letter from a leader of the applicant's place of worship.
3. Must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a four-point scale.
4. Must exemplify qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and community service as evidenced by school and/or other records.
5. This is **not** a financial need-based scholarship. Finances are taken into consideration.
6. Must have plans of graduating from a four-year college or university and be enrolled as a full-time student.
7. Must be able to associate harmoniously with students and faculty of different races, ethnic groups, and cultures, and participate in activities designed to promote better relationships among persons of diverse backgrounds.
8. Please include a current (headshot) graduation photo of the applicant, when submitting your application.
9. The application must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Please fill out every blank in your scholarship application. This includes complete addresses and zip codes. Incomplete applications will be penalized by 10 points.
10. Must complete the application so that it will be postmarked or *delivered no later than 11:59 a.m. on **Sunday, May 24, 2026***. (No exceptions)

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***SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS***

1. Scholarships shall be awarded to deserving high school seniors in the East Baton Rouge, Parish public school system.
2. Scholarships shall be awarded to three outstanding high school graduating seniors from three groups: one African American, one Caucasian, and one of another ethnic background.
3. Scholarships are intended for students who fulfill all the established criteria. Each scholarship award is *\$3,000.00*.
4. Scholarship money shall be used only for educational expenses at a four-year college or university. *(A written request is required for disbursement of scholarship along with a fee bill or receipt from the college or university. Please allow five business days for processing all requests.)*
5. All completed applications must be postmarked or delivered ***by Deadline date on Sunday May 24, 2026. (No exceptions).***
6. In the event of a tie, the committee will conduct *personal interviews* to determine a winner.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

DIRECTIONS: This application must be typed. All sections must be completed. The application must be postmarked or delivered by **Sunday, May 24, 2026**.

**Write N/A if the question does not apply.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_

Do you live with both parents? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If no, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

***Place of Worship Information***

Do you attend church, synagogue, mosque, etc? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please give the name and address where you attend. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please attach letter of recommendation from your pastor/church leader or his or her designee. *(Letter must be on church letterhead)* (7 points)

List ministries and activities in which you have been active during high school at your place of worship. *(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.)* (8 points)

***Club/Organization***

***Grade Level***  
*(Include only 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades)*

*Examples:*

*Youth & Young Adult Choir*

*9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Youth Group*

*9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>*

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***School and Community Organizations***

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

<b><i>Club/Organization</i></b>	<b><i>Grade Level</i></b> <b><i>(Include only 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades)</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Sponsor</i></b>
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*Examples:*

*Beta Club*

*11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Mrs. Brown*

*International Club*

*9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Mr. Santiago*

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***Letter of Recommendation***

The letter of recommendation must be written by someone outside of your immediate family and who is not affiliated with the scholarship committee. ***This letter must primarily address the applicant's interactions with other students, faculty or people of different races that promoted better racial harmony. (Specific examples should be provided) (10 Points)***

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR APPLICANT, IF ADULT**

*Combined gross income of the entire household. (Select one) You must circle one to qualify for points.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under - \$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"/> 50,001 - 60,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$100,000   |

Total number of people presently supported by parents or guardian  
***(Include parents and self)*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Attest***

*I hereby certify that this 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 signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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***THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN***

To certify that the information given on this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, please sign below.

***Parent or Guardian's*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RELEASE FORM**

*Dear Principal or Guidance Counselor:*

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby acknowledge that the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church/Walter C. Dumas Scholarship Committee is seeking information relative to my academic performance. Therefore, in accordance with any and all applicable laws, rules or regulations, I hereby approve the release of the information requested below.*

***Student's signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***(PLEASE PRINT)***

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

***Please include this sheet with your Scholarship Application***

**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH/WALTER C. DUMAS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Letter of Recommendation Form**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Recommender*

*This letter of recommendation must be written by someone outside of the applicant's family and who is not affiliated with the scholarship committee.*

*The letter must primarily address the applicant's interactions with other students, faculty or people of different races that promoted better racial harmony.*

*(Specific examples should be given.) The letter may be written on this form or attached to this form.*