

## Scholarship Application AY 2020-2021

***Purpose:*** To provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors who pursue post-high school course of study at an accredited college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. Types of Scholarships: (1) Grace Baptist Church Affiliation, (2) Named Corporation and/or Business and (3) April Strong in Excellence.

1. DEADLINE to submit the scholarship application is **March 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m.** (**no exceptions**).
2. If any question/statement does not apply to you in this application, please put “N/A” in the space.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. (**no exceptions**).
4. Applicants will be contacted in March to schedule an interview with the Scholarship Interviewing Team.
5. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact [www.projectyesatl.org](http://www.projectyesatl.org) or

(770) 474-8611 ext. 206 by February 28, 2020.

###### Eligibility Required Criteria:

* 1. Applicant must be a member of Grace Baptist Church for at least six (6) continuous months **if** applying for *Grace Baptist Church* Award.
  2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
  3. Applicant must demonstrate **positive impact and involvement** in school, church, and the community, as determined through this application process and with letters of recommendation.
  4. Applicant must have minimum unweighted G.P.A. of 2.5 (**on a 4.0 scale**) for *Church/Corporate* Award **or** a minimum unweighted G.P.A. of 3.5 (**on a 4.0 scale**) for *April Strong in Excellence* Award.
  5. Applicant must be accepted by, enrolled in and attend an accredited college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. (**Verification must be presented before any funds will be disbursed**)
  6. Applicant must complete the ‘Successful Transition from High School’ Seminar hosted by Project Youth Educational Services [**Y.E.S.**], Inc. The applicant must contact Project Y.E.S., Inc. for date of seminar.
  7. Applicant must **maintain a G.P.A. of 2.5** during each academic semester to receive each succeeding *Church/Corporate* scholarship amount or applicant must **maintain a G.P.A. of 3.5** during each academic semester to receive each succeeding *April Strong in Excellence* scholarship amount.

###### Application Process - Incomplete applications will not be considered (no exceptions):

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed, typed application form (**if handwritten, please print legibly**) AND a Resumé.
2. Photo (black/white or color) – can be either a head shot or full body.
3. An official and current high school transcript, in a sealed envelope, showing G.P.A.
4. Essay. In 350-500 words answer:
   1. In what ways has your faith impacted your life?
   2. In what ways has church affiliation impacted your life.
   3. In what ways have you impacted your affiliated church?
   4. Share your personal faith-based beliefs and give specific examples of how your beliefs guide you in how you live your daily life.
   5. Why is the scholarship important to you?
5. Standardized Test Scores (**SAT or ACT**).
6. Three (3) SIGNED letters of recommendation from the following: (1) Academic - a high school teacher or counselor on school letterhead; (2) Community - an employer, community member, club sponsor, coach, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant’s character, experience and involvement; **and** (3) Church - a person who is an active member of Affiliated Church as your sponsor *(***see page 3***)*. Letters of Recommendation may NOT come from family members.
7. Certificate of Completion from Seminar “Transition from High School” hosted by Project Y.E.S., Inc.
8. Acceptance Letter from post-secondary educational institute.

***Deadline to submit*** the application is **March 2, 2020 (5:00p.m.)**

**Applications received after this date will not be considered (no exceptions).**

**NOTE**: Once eligibility is established, Scholarship funds will be awarded in two parts; at the beginning of each Fall and each Spring semesters of enrollment/attendance at an accredited college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. (**Verification must be presented before any funds will be disbursed**)

***Award Components:*** *Church/Corporate* award of $500.00 per academic semester, **not to exceed $2,000.00 total per applicant** during the period of post-secondary education; *April Strong in Excellence* award of $750.00 per academic semester, **not to exceed $3,000.00 total per applicant** during the period of post-secondary education.



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## Application - Academic Year 2020-2021

**\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION STUDENTS\*\*\*\*\***

**Please provide copies of this page to individuals who will write your letters of recommendation.**

Dear: School Official/Community Representative/Church Member:

This student, , has applied for a Project Youth Educational Services [**Y.E.S.**], Inc. Scholarship for the academic year 2020-2021.

In order to fairly consider and evaluate this applicant, please submit a letter of recommendation. Your comments must be detailed and specifically address, but need not be limited to, the following items:

1. Does the applicant perform up to his/her academic ability? Provide your observations of the applicant’s actions in the academic environment.
2. What leadership qualities does the applicant demonstrate? Please give specific examples.
3. Comment on the applicant’s involvement in extracurricular school activities, including any offices held.
4. Comment on the applicant’s involvement in community and/or church activities.
5. Comment on the applicant’s plans to achieve his/her career goals.

Please address all five areas listed above, to the best of your ability, based on your personal experience with the student. For employers and/or church members, please comment on the student’s work ethic, dependability, spiritual development, and anything else that you believe would be beneficial to accurately paint a positive portrait of the applicant.

Please write your recommendation on official letterhead (**school and/or elected official & community representative**), place in an envelope, then seal and SIGN sealed portion of envelope, and returned to the applicant who will submit it with his/her application.

**All letters of recommendation must accompany the applicant’s application packet.**

Very truly yours,

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Project Youth Educational Services [**Y.E.S.**], Inc.



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**Applicant for Academic Year 2020-2021**

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| Last Name: | First Name: | |
| Mailing Address:  Street:  City: State: Zip: | | |
| Daytime Telephone Number: ( ) Date of Birth: | | |
| E-mail Address: | | |
| Name of Current High School: | | Number of years attended: |
| List Colleges/Institutions to which you have already applied (**you may submit your list on a separate sheet**): | | |
| I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2020:  **Proof** of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is **required prior to disbursement of ALL funds.** | | |
| Grade Point Average (**GPA**): (**4.0 scale**) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent **official** school transcript is required. | | |
| ACT Score: Or SAT Score: \_\_\_\_ A copy of your ACT **or** SAT score sheet is required. | | |
| Mother’s /Guardian’s Name:  Address: City: State: ZIP: Cell/Work/Home Phone: | | |
| Father’s /Guardian’s Name:  Address: City: State: ZIP: Cell/Work/Home Phone: | | |
| What area/specialty do you plan to major in as you continue your education? | | |



**CHURCH SERVICE In MINISTRIES**

Please list the Church Ministries in which you have participated (**Use additional sheets if necessary**)

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| **Church Name and Name of Ministry** | **Role** | **Dates of Service** |
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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Please list all high school activities in which you have participated (**Use additional sheets if necessary**)

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Please list extracurricular activities in which you have participated (**Use additional sheets if necessary**)

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Briefly share your educational and professional goals and objectives.

List awards, honors, and special recognitions you received while in high school.

Please explain how you plan to continue your spiritual enrichment while pursuing higher education.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my photo may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Project Youth Educational [**Y.E.S.**], Inc. Scholarship Programs.

I hereby understand that (1) if chosen as a scholarship recipient and (2) to remain eligible, I must provide evidence outlined/articulated in the eligibility requirements and the application process connected to my enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds will be disbursed.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: Date:



**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

**(You must submit every item on this Checklist)**

Application

Resume

Photo

High School Transcript (**Official**)

Essay

Standardized Test Scores (**SAT or ACT**)

Letter of Recommendation from High School Teacher or Counselor

Letter of Recommendation from Community Member/Employer/Coach/ Club Sponsor

Letter of Recommendation from Active member of Grace Baptist (**or affiliated**) Church Sponsor

Certificate of Completion from Seminar “Transition from High School” hosted by Project Youth Educational Services [**Y.E.S.**], Inc.

Acceptance Letter\* from post-secondary institution (**If not yet accepted, then please provide an official copy of submitted application confirmation from a college/university**)

**\****If Acceptance Letter is not available at the time application is submitted, it MUST be submitted prior to receiving funds. Applicant will have until June 30th to provide Acceptance Letter.*

***Deadline*** to submit application is **March 2, 2020, 5:00pm** (**no exceptions**) Applications received after this date will **not** be considered.

Please mail or submit application in person to:

**Project Youth Educational Services [Y.E.S.], Inc.**

2178 Hwy 138 East (**2170 Hwy 138 East #200**)

Stockbridge, GA 30281

(770) 474-8611 ext. 206

Each qualifying applicant will be scheduled to meet with the Scholarship Interviewing Panel for a personal interview. Failure to appear for the scheduled interview will result in disqualification of the applicant. **In order to receive succeeding disbursement of funds, applicant must continue to meet all eligibility criteria requirements contained in this application process.**

**Before You SUBMIT Your Application, Remember to Check Every Box and Submit Every Item on the Checklist Above?**