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**Mission of R.E.A.D.Y. Scholarship Ministry**

The mission is to support, promote, and encourage the educational pursuits and goals of individuals in our church by providing scholarships for our college, technical school, and continuing education, and non-traditional students.

**R.E.A.D.Y. Scholarship Ministry—Resiliently Encouraging Aspirations & Direction with Youth**



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## R.E.A.D.Y. Scholarship APPLICATION



### Student Information:

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Applicant's Complete Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE/PROVINCE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTAL CODE/ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

### Family Information:

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education Information:

Date of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major or Career Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Church/Community/School Involvement:**

List interests, activities & achievements:

Church:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Check the scholarship(s) you are applying for (you may choose more than one):

- Dr. J.R. Sheppard Scholarship (High School Graduates Only)  
 Earlie Wheeler Oratorical Scholarship (High School Graduates Only)  
 Collegiate Oratorical Scholarship (College Students Only)

- Signed and submitted the attached "Assignment of Rights & Consent to Publish Scholarship Information": Yes / No

The deadline to submit your application and required documents is **May 05, 2024 by 12 a.m. (midnight)**. **No applications will be accepted after this date.**

If you have questions, please send inquiries to Scholarship Committee at [bwbscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:bwbscholarships@gmail.com).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RIGHTS & CONSENT TO PUBLISH SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION**

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give Ben Washington Baptist Church full rights to publish my name, my pertinent family information, college I am attending, photographs that I have provided, and college update information.

I understand that by execution of this agreement, I am relinquishing my rights to any compensation for reproduction, publication or use of the above information by Ben Washington Baptist Church in its print or electronic correspondence, catalog, or on its website.

I hereby specifically waive my right to review or approve THE MODIFICATION of the above Information. (Modifications may be made to accommodate size or content restrictions. Modifications will not be made to “distort” or “falsify” any information provided.)

I understand that this Agreement in no way obligates Ben Washington Baptist Church to publish or use the above-described information.

**EXECUTED this date of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)



## **DR. J.R. SHEPPARD SCHOLARSHIP**

*Dr. Joseph R. Sheppard Scholarship was established in honor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor of Ben Washington Baptist Church. Pastor Sheppard served 51 ½ years as spiritual leader, teacher, counselor, and friend to many. As one who valued education as a pivotal endeavor, it was his esteem pleasure to endorse this scholarship to assist high school students in pursuing higher education.*

**Scholarship Amount:** \$2000 will be divided equally between the high school graduates.

If there is only one (1) applicant, the applicant will receive \$1000 for the year with the same qualifications as stated below.

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be an active member of Ben Washington Baptist Church
- Must be a high school graduate

### **Required Documents to be submitted to Scholarship Ministry.**

- Completed J.R. Sheppard Scholarship Application
- High School Transcript
- Proof of admission/enrollment to 2-year college / 4-year university along with financial aid office phone number and address (**show proof by August 11, 2024**)
- Proof of minimum 2.5 Cumulative GPA (**due by January 12, 2024**)
- Proof of Spring Semester Enrollment (**due by January 12, 2024**)
- Students must write a 600-word essay using Times Roman size 12 font with at least 5 biblical (scriptural) references for the **Topic: “How do you stand firm on your faith in the cancel culture we live in?”**
- Letter of Recommendation from one (1) member of BWBC and one (1) from school teacher, principal, or school counselor

### **AWARDS:**

- Dr. J.R. Sheppard Scholarship will be divided between qualified applicants. The first half of the funds will be dispersed before or by **October 5, 2024**. The second half will be dispersed by **February 5, 2025**. Checks will be made payable to the college/university only and will be forwarded to the Business Office.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:** May 5, 2024

**PRESENTATION DATE:** TBD



## **EARLIE MAE WHEELER ORATORICAL ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP**

*Mrs. Earlie Mae Wheeler was one of Irving's first African American school teacher and a devoted member of Ben Washington Baptist Church. She taught her students to excel in reading, writing, and arithmetic, to think creatively, and to hold steadfast to their morals and principles. A tribute to Mrs. Wheeler's commitment to educating Irving's students is the Wheeler Transition Center and her picture at Irving High School.*

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be an active member of BWBC and involved in at least one ministry and/or attend service regularly.
- High School Graduate
- Must provide proof of enrollment to college/university for the 2023-2024 school year with a minimum of 12 semester hours (**show proof by August 12, 2024**)

### **ESSAY / ORATORICAL GUIDELINES:**

- Title page with name, high school, and date for judge's copy of essay
- 600-word typed, double-spaced essay, using Times New Roman, Font size 12, at least 5 biblical (scriptural) references
- Presentation of speech no longer than five minutes
- Business Attire

**ESSAY AND ORATORICAL JUDGING CRITERIA** (Rubric with weight of each category will be provided in application packet)

- Persuasiveness of message
- Sentence structure and grammar
- Neatness of the document
- Creativity
- Body Language
- Articulation
- Familiarity with Essay

**APPLICATION / ESSAY DUE DATE:** May 5, 2024

**PRESENTATION DATE:** High School Recognition Worship Service



## **BWBC COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP**

*The BWBC Collegiate Oratorical Essay Scholarship, originally the Earlie Mae Wheeler Scholarship for college students is available for undergraduate college students.*

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be a college student and an active member of BWBC
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Must provide proof of enrollment to college/university for the 2024-2025 school year with a minimum of 12 semester hours (**show proof by August 19, 2024**)

### **ESSAY / ORATORICAL GUIDELINES:**

- Title page with name, college, and date for judge's copy of essay
- 600-word typed, double-spaced essay, using Times New Roman, Font size 12, at least 5 biblical (scriptural) references
- Presentation of speech no longer than five minutes
- Business Attire

**ESSAY AND ORATORICAL JUDGING CRITERIA** (Rubric with weight of each category will be provided in application packet)

- Persuasiveness of message
- Sentence structure and grammar
- Neatness of the document
- Creativity
- Body Language
- Articulation
- Familiarity with Essay (no verbatim reading): You may use note cards day of presentation

**APPLICATION / ESSAY DUE DATE:** May 5, 2024

**PRESENTATION DATE:** High School Recognition Worship Service



## **ESSAY TOPICS FOR EARLIE MAE WHEELER ORATORICAL & COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL**

Submit an essay of 500 words on ONE of the following topics (all essays must include at least 5 references from the scriptures)

**Topic I: How to live as a Christian by God's word and be a Millennial (Romans 12:2)**

**Topic II: What challenge(s) you've overcome that you feel has/have strengthen your faith and have made you better because of it/them (Philippians 4:13)?**

**Topic III: Describe a change you would like to make in the world and why (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Elaborate on any obstacles you might encounter along the way.**

**Topic IV: Explain how helping others has shaped your perspective on humanity (Hebrews 13:16). Elaborate on how these experiences influence your future ambitions and career choice.**



