

TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

NOTE: You must be an active member of the Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ one year before applying for a scholarship.

1. All relevant sections of the scholarship must be completed; failure to complete any section may result in disqualification.
2. **NEW for 2026. All applicants must write a 250–300-word essay on one of the three topics provided below by the Scholarship Committee. (Required only for Freshman and first-time Scholarship Recipients).** **How can perseverance and resilience be beneficial in your pursuit of a college degree? *The influencers in my life who helped me steer the course for a better future are * How does my faith influence my path to success?*
3. During the month of May, the Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ Scholarship Committee will begin the selection process. Recipients will be announced in June during the Education Day Ceremony. All applicants will be notified of their status in mid-May.
4. New college students must provide a letter of acceptance to a college or university prior to the beginning of the selection process (**June 05, 2026**). The Scholarship Committee **Will NOT** consider applications from students who have not applied for admission.
5. All scholarship recipients **MUST** have an acceptance letter and be enrolled as a full-time (minimum of 12 hours) student at a 4-year institution.
6. You may receive a scholarship each year (up to 4 years), if you meet all qualifications.
7. Previously funded recipients & high school graduates **MUST** submit an **official** transcript for the current school year, including the Fall and Spring semesters.
8. All new applicants must submit three letters of reference from the following:
 - Principal or guidance counselor
 - High school teacher and/or college instructor
 - Temple of Deliverance Auxiliary Leader
9. The deadline for the receipt of the scholarship applications with accompanying reference is **June 05, 2026.**
10. All applicants must be recent high school graduates or returning college students.
11. All applicants **MUST** meet the GPA requirement of **2.5 or higher.**
12. All applicants **MUST** submit a professional headshot (typically a 4 x 6 / Wallet Sized).

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. BASIC INFORMATION

Please print or type:

Church Membership Number _____

How long have you been a member at Temple of Deliverance? _____

Full Name

First	Street	Middle	Last
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Current Mailing Address _____

City	State	Zip Code
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Applicant's Email Address _____

Home Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Parent's or guardian's name _____

Parent's or guardian's address (If different from above)

Street

City	State	Zip Code
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II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Classification during the period of scholarship request

_____ Entering Freshman _____ Continuing _____ Transfer Student

Number of hours you anticipate taking during period of scholarship request.

Full-time (12 hours or More)

Estimated current cumulative grade point average (GPA):

High School GPA _____

College GPA _____

Name of high school _____

Expected College Major _____

Name of the College you plan to attend _____

College Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Applicants' Student ID Number _____

III. ACTIVITIES

Civic, community, church, social activities, honors, and offices held within the last two years:
Check all that apply. Note: High **school sororities/fraternities are not acceptable.**

High School Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Who's Who Among American High School Students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FHA / FFA | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir / Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleader / Pep Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Government / Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Memphis Partners / Job for Tennessee Graduates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Math & Science Club | <input type="checkbox"/> ROTC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper / Yearbook Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VICA, DECA, OR BETA | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FBLA, Business Professionals of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding High School Students of America | |

Church Activities (Temple of Deliverance)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TOD Praise Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life Center Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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V. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

- Scholarship Application
- Essay (No longer than 300 words)
- Official Transcript
- Professional Headshot (Typically 4 x 6 / Wallet Sized)
- Three Letters of Reference – For high school graduates & first-time recipients

****OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT DUE JULY 17, 2026****

Applicant MUST sign all three (3) statements below:

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I further certify that if I fail, at any time during the period the scholarship is granted, to meet the criteria by which it was awarded and should be maintained, I shall abide by the policy regarding scholarship recipients.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I hereby authorize the Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ Scholarship Committee to release information contained in my scholarship application to a third party if the sole purpose of the release of this information is in connection with consideration by such third party of my eligibility for receipt of financial aid in the form of a scholarship or other financial assistance. Such a third party includes a scholarship committee or individuals who need information to award financial assistance.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I understand that scholarship payments will be made payable to the College's Business Office.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Return Completed Application and Attachments to:

email: TODscholarshipcommittee53@gmail.com

or

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Evangelist Bernice Inge, Scholarship Chairperson

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