

Scholarship Application Prep Sheet

Founding Cohort • Greater Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church

Use this before you apply

This worksheet is a planning tool - it is not the scholarship application. Use it to think through your three written responses before you complete the online form. You do not need perfect grammar or "professional" writing. We want to understand your real goals, experiences, motivation, and commitment.

A simple way to use this sheet

1. Read one question at a time. 2. Write short notes first. 3. Use your real experiences and goals. 4. Turn your notes into the response you will submit.

Question 1 - My Career Direction

Where are you in your career journey today, and what career, employment, business, or professional goal would you like to make meaningful progress toward during the next 30 days?

Application response length: 200-250 words

Where am I right now in my career or professional journey?

What specific goal do I want to make progress toward in the next 30 days?

Why does this goal matter to me right now?

What would meaningful progress look like by Day 30?

Question 2 - Why This Opportunity Matters

Why is participating in Career Forward in an AI Era important to you at this point in your career or professional journey, and how would receiving this scholarship help you move forward?

Application response length: 150-200 words

What would this opportunity make possible for me?

What has made it difficult to pursue training or professional growth before now?

What skills, confidence, or direction do I hope to gain?

What do I hope will be different after I complete the program?

Remember

The scholarship review is not looking for fancy writing. Clear, honest answers about your goals and your readiness to participate are more useful than polished words that do not sound like you.

Question 3 - Commitment & Follow-Through

Tell us about a time when you committed to completing something challenging. What was the commitment, what challenges did you experience, and what helped you follow through?

Application response length: 100-150 words

What did I commit to doing?

What made it challenging?

What did I do when things became difficult?

What helped me keep going or finish?

What does this example show about how I handle responsibility?

Your example can come from anywhere

Work or school are not required. You may use an example from family responsibilities, caregiving, ministry, volunteer service, a personal goal, a community project, education, training, or building a business.

Optional AI Helper

If you want help organizing your thoughts, copy and paste this into ChatGPT or another AI tool:

"I am completing a scholarship application. Help me organize my thoughts, but do not invent anything for me. Ask me one question at a time so I can explain my real experience in my own words. After I answer, help me organize my ideas into a clear response."

AI can help you communicate. Your story remains yours. You provide the experience and goal, you make the decisions, and you review the final response before submitting it.