

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH  
6477 LINCOLNIA ROAD  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22312  
SCHOLARSHIP CAREER DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY  
THE CARA GORDON DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE  
NOMINATION FORM AND GUIDELINES

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### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

1. Be an **active** member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.
2. High School graduate for the year **2026**.
3. Active involvement in ***community, school and church environment***.

### **CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD**

**Applicants must provide:**

1. **A current official transcript.**
2. **Two (2) letter(s) of reference that support your church involvement by a ministry leader. A family member cannot submit a reference letter.** Applicants are encouraged to use MPBC Scholarship Career Development Ministry Reference Form which is available online.
3. **Statement verification of a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of service to a community organization supported on official letterhead.**
4. **A minimum of two letters of reference** (teachers, counselors, employers, etc.) Applicants are encouraged to use Mount Pleasant Scholarship Career Development Ministry Reference **Form** which is available online.
5. **Special honor documentation:** Documents submitted by person(s) of authority or distinction from educational institutions and/or community service organizations, which includes religious associations, noting a special honor, outstanding accomplishment or commendation you have been bestowed are reviewed with the higher rating.
6. **Essay.**  
*God is directing my life to better myself, my community, my church by...?*
7. One full packet which includes the application with supporting documents to be submitted to **Scholarship@mtpleasantbc.org** by the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Deadlines: Applications must be received by **April 12, 2026**

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**Special Note: An application for a scholarship or tuition assistance award must be submitted separately to be considered for those awards.**

| <b>THE CARA GORDON DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE NOMINATION FORM</b>  |          |                           |
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| <b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>   |          |                           |
| Name:  |          |                           |
| Address:   |          |                           |
| City:  | State:   | ZIP Code:                 |
| Home No.   | Cell No. | Alternative Telephone No: |
| Email:   |          | Cumulative GPA:           |
| Parent's Name (s):   |          |                           |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION</b>   |          |                           |
| Current High School:   |          |                           |
| <b>SPECIAL HONORS (ATTACH SUPPLEMENTAL INFO TO APPLICATION)</b>  |          |                           |
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| <i>I certify that all answers and statements on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.</i><br><i>I understand that should this application contain any false or misleading information, my application may be subject to disqualification.</i><br><i>Incomplete applications will not be accepted and all applications must be submitted by the deadline.</i> |          |                           |
| Signature of Applicant:  |          | Date:                     |
| Parent's Signature if applicable:  |          | Date:                     |

1. The amount of the award will not exceed \$1500.00 and is awarded personally to the most distinguished high school graduate who meets the criteria.
2. **A committee from the Scholarship Ministry will review the applications and select the recipient.**