**New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**

**5803 Belmont Ave.**

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**Rev. Travis Norris, Pastor**

February 9, 2020

Dear Sir or Madame

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church will grant the *Mila Parks Sports and Recreational Scholarship or The Rev. Myron Taylor Academic Excellence Scholarship* for the 2020 academic school year to students who have been accepted and will attend an accredited college/university, vocational school or community college. These scholarships have been established to provide financial assistance to deserving students in the East St. Louis and surrounding area to emphasize the importance of obtaining a post-secondary degree.

To be eligible, qualified applicants MUST:

1. Be a high school graduate or GED recipient who has been accepted into an accredited two- or four-year college/university or vocational school
2. Submit a certification of admission, letter of acceptance from accredited college/university, vocational school, community college or proof of enrollment (i.e. schedule)
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or at least a 3.5 on a 5.0 scale.
4. Official high school transcript in sealed envelope
5. Twenty (20) hours of documented community service and / or extracurricular activities
6. Documented Church affiliation
7. Submit a copy of FAFSA confirmation page
8. An essay (typed and no more than 250 words). Take care to avoid plagiarizing.
9. Three (3) sealed letters of recommendation (can be mailed or hand delivered). Letters of reference may come from high school counselor, non-related teacher, employer, pastor, or high school principal/ administrator
10. Must complete and submit all required forms in one (1) packet:

* Completed application – Must be typed!
* Three (3) sealed letters of recommendation
* Officially stamped high school transcript in a sealed envelope
* Typed essay (no more than 250 words)

The **completed** application packet and **all supporting materials** must be uploaded electronically by April 3, 2020, to [**Newbethelscholarship@gmail.com**](mailto:Newbethelscholarship@gmail.com). NO EXCEPTIONS!

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee