

The Ethel McFarland Education Fund Ministry

PURPOSE OF THE MINISTRY

The Ethel McFarland Education Fund provides assistance to Bible Way's college, vocational, and technical students on a regular basis.

- The amount of funding received monthly by each student will be determined by the number of participating students and the amount of funds available for distribution.
- The funds are not intended to cover any specific fees, books or tuition costs, but rather be at the student disposal to spend as he or she chooses.

PHILOSOPHY

An Education Fund for our youth is one of the ways that we, as a local body, can demonstrate our love and support for their spiritual and academic growth.

The Ethel McFarland Education Fund Ministry will work to fulfill Colossians 1:9-12, in assisting in bringing young believers to maturity.

There is no greater investment that we, as a Christian body, can make than to impact the lives of our young people. They must be equipped to carry on the inherent Word of God through their words, actions, and deeds after we are gone.

GOAL OF THE MINISTRY

The Ethel McFarland Education Fund Ministry's primary goal is to develop a desire in our Christian youth to reach the full extent of their potential and be all that God would have them to be.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

First time applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an active member of Bible Way Fellowship Baptist Church for two years, having accepted Christ as their Savior and have completed new member's class as defined by the Church Constitution.
- Students 17 and older must be or have been participating in a BWFBC ministry for at least one year prior to date of initial application.
- Must be a high school graduate or its equivalent (age 17-21) entering college as an undergraduate student for four years, two years, or a technical school for two years.
- Must submit initial application within 48 months following high school.

Returning applicants:

- Must maintain active church membership. If church membership is terminated by the student through verbal or written communication, program eligibility will terminate.

New and returning applicants:

- Must be enrolled full or part-time with a minimum of six semester hours as defined by the institution.
- Must submit the Ethel McFarland Education Fund Application and proof of enrollment on or before the deadline for each semester.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Fall Semester applications will be accepted:
August 1st – September 25th**

**Spring Semester applications will be accepted:
December 1st – January 25th**

Applications with support documents may be submitted to the church office in person, via email, or fax to (713) 943-2347. Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified. Please review eligibility requirements before submitting your forms.

Approved students will receive a stipend for a maximum of four semesters for a two year degree or eight semesters for a four year degree program (taking into account any semesters already taken in a two year or junior college program).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Ethel McFarland Education Fund Ministry is funded solely through the generous donations of the church body. If you would like to make a commitment to this ministry in the form of financial support, please mark Ethel McFarland on your donation envelope. All contributions are tax deductible. Donations can be placed in the offering box or mailed to:

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Ethel McFarland Education Fund Ministry
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