

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
COLLEGE BOUND MINISTRY**

ABOUT THE 2011 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship. This year the College Bound Ministry is taking a more academic approach to awarding scholarships. Financial resources are limited this year. Therefore, we must ensure that the available funds are awarded to the most academically deserving students. To ascertain merit, a greater emphasis will be placed on cumulative GPA, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation, and level of extracurricular (school and community) and ministry (at Bethany) involvement.

Please note that the selection process may be more rigorous this year in comparison with past years. As a result, applicants will be immersed in a more competitive process. We encourage all applicants to make sure that their scholarship application is complete and submitted by the deadline date of: **Monday, May 16th at 7PM.**

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

1. Must be an active member of Bethany Baptist Church.
2. Must be a 2011 graduating high school senior.
3. Must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA.
4. Must have an acceptance letter to a college or university and will be enrolled in college during the Fall 2011 semester.

HOW TO APPLY:

Download the scholarship application from the Bethany Baptist Church website at <http://www.go2bethany.com>. **Please type on the downloaded form and print the completed application.** Submit the completed scholarship application and the requested documentation. Keep in mind that late or incomplete application packets will not be considered by the scholarship committee.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDEES AND NON-AWARDEES:

Upon careful review and consideration of all scholarship application packets, the committee will make awards accordingly. Those who are awarded will receive written notification as well as an invitation to two events:

1) The College Bound Ministry Graduation Banquet to be held on Friday, June 10th at Bethany Baptist Church in the Harvest Hall at 6:00 PM.

2) The College Bound Ministry's Recognition Ceremony at Bethany Baptist Church will be held on June 12th at both the 8am and 11am worship services.

NOTE -- All scholarship recipients (or a member of your family) must be available to attend both events.

Those who are not awarded a College Bound Ministry scholarship will receive written notification by June 1, 2011 from the committee.

Thank you again for your interest in the 2011 College Bound Ministry Scholarship and best wishes!