

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
COLLEGE BOUND MINISTRY**

ABOUT THE 2009 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:

Thank you for your interest in competing 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 11, 2009 at 7PM.

Keep in mind that no late or incomplete application packets will be considered by the scholarship committee.

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

1. Must be an active member of Bethany Baptist Church.
2. Must be a 2009 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 the fall '09 semester.

HOW TO APPLY:

The applicant must complete the scholarship application and submit the requested documentation.

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 Award Luncheon to be held on May 30th at Carrabbas Italian Grill in Marlton on Route 73.
- 2) The College Bound Ministry's Recognition Ceremony at Bethany Baptist Church on June 14th at **both** the 8am and 11am worship services.

NOTE -- All scholarship recipients must be available to attend both events.

Those who are not awarded a College Bound Ministry scholarship will receive written notification by June 1, 2009 from the committee.

Thank you again for your interest in the 2009 College Bound Ministry Scholarship competition and best wishes!