



**WATSON GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## **Watson Grove Scholarship Application Class of 2024**

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Return completed application to:

[Scholarship@thegrovenash.org](mailto:Scholarship@thegrovenash.org)

*OR hand deliver to*

Ms. Cee-Cee Buntin or Ms. Leigh Oliver

**Deadline: *April 30, 2024***

## **Scholarship Ministry Overview**

The Scholarship Ministry at Watson Grove Baptist Church sponsors the Watson Grove Scholarship. Watson Grove has been a proud supporter of this ministry for many years and allocates thousands of dollars to help its members pursue a post-secondary credential. The amount designated for this scholarship will be awarded to recipients to be used toward the purchase of books and/or college tuition and fees. This scholarship is a direct investment in the future of the youth at Watson Grove seeking educational achievement, advancement and success.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Senior in High School
2. Partner of Watson Grove
3. Academic Achievement - 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 Scale
4. Community Service - Displaying a commitment to the community and service to God's people
5. Involvement - Demonstrate gifts and talents through activities at or outside of school
6. Interview - Applicants will be able to present themselves and their aspirations in person

## **Application Process**

All applications are due by April 30, 2024. Both the student and parent/guardian must sign the application. When all parts of the application are completed, submit as one package to: [Scholarship@thegrovenash.org](mailto:Scholarship@thegrovenash.org). You can also submit it by handing the complete packet to Ms. Cee-Cee Buntin or Ms. Leigh Oliver.

A complete application includes:

1. A completed, dated and signed Watson Grove Scholarship application.
2. A most recent copy of the high school transcript.
3. Two letters of recommendations from the following people:
  - a. Non-related individual who is not from the high school (personal reference)
  - b. Academic Advisor, School Counselor, School Administrator, Teacher
4. A copy of the student's college acceptance letter from a 2 yr or 4yr school. (if not available at the time of the application, please bring a copy of the letter to the interview)
5. An attached document that answers both writing prompts attached to this application.
6. Copy of Resume (if applicable)

**To keep all application information together, the student must place their name on all documents in the application package.**

**Note: Students can apply to all three scholarships (Watson Grove, Virginia Thompson, & Pastor Goodwin). You only have to complete the Personal Data, Church Involvement, Academic Information, Post-Secondary Information, and recommendation *one time*. If applying to multiple scholarships, you do have to complete the essay portion for each one. The essay prompts for each scholarship are attached to their specific applications.**

I am applying to the following scholarships:

- Watson Grove Scholarship
- Virginia Thompson Scholarship (Must complete essays associated with this application separately)
- Pastor Curtis Goodwin Scholarship (Must complete essays associated with this application separately)

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What high school pathway are you graduating with? \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Level of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Presently, are their other siblings attending college? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**CHURCH INVOLVEMENT**

Are you active in the youth ministry? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ SOMETIMES \_\_\_\_\_

Are you active in any church activities? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ SOMETIMES \_\_\_\_\_

List the ministries you are currently or were previously involved in:

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List any church activities you have been involved in:

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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

List all school activities, community service and honors/awards in which you have participated during the past four years. Reminder: community activities is doing something without compensation for your time or work. *(Can attach resume if you have one.)*

Activities

Community Activities (mandatory)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Honors/Awards

4. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

**POST SECONDARY INFORMATION**

*Please remember to attach your acceptance letter to a two-year or four-year institution if you have already received it. If you have not received this information, you can bring it to your interview.*

Name of the College/University:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted for admission? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ WAITING \_\_\_

Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How will this scholarship assist in your academic pursuit?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical Essays**

In this section, please complete the following writing prompt. This section is meant for us to get to know a little bit about you as an applicant and see you as an entire person. Please submit your response typed in double-spaced formatting.

**Writing Prompt # 1**

Using around 300 words please answer the following questions:

Describe a situation where you did not reach your goal or desired accomplishments. What did you learn from this? How will you apply the learning from that situation to future situations?

**Writing Prompt # 2**

Using around 250 words please answer the following questions:

What does God mean to you? And how have you seen God work in your life?

*I certify that the information given in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Watson Grove Baptist Church**  
Scholarship Application  
Personal Reference Form

(To be completed by a Non-Related Individual- Recommendation # 1)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference's Employer & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of knowing the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email Address of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Characteristics**

(1) Rate the applicant's characteristics found below by assigning the appropriate number in the corresponding boxes:

1= Outstanding    2=Average    3=Below Average    4= Insufficient Opportunity to Observe

Relationship with Others	( )
Listen Skills/ "Teachability"	( )
Respect to Others	( )
Community Engagement	( )
Leadership	( )
Curiosity	( )

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Please comment on special skills and/or talents the applicant may possess.

\_\_\_\_\_

(3) How would you describe the applicant's desire to attend and succeed in college?

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Watson Grove Baptist Church**  
Scholarship Application  
High School Eligibility Verification  
(To be completed by a School Official- Recommendation # 2)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone or Email Address of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Adaptability/Relationships**

1. Rate the applicant's relationship with others by assigning the appropriate number in the corresponding boxes:

1= Outstanding    2=Average    3=Below Average    4= Insufficient Opportunity to Observe

Relationship with students	( )
Relationship with teachers	( )
Relationship with staff	( )
School Involvement (ie. Extra- Curricular, clubs, organizations)	( )
Leadership (ie. Office Assistants, Officer Positions, etc.)	( )

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Please comment on the applicant's involvement in extra- curricular and community service activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please comment on special skills and/or talents the applicant may possess.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How would you describe the applicant's desire to attend and succeed in college?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Save the Date  
Interviewing for Scholarships

Completing an interview is a requirement for consideration in all scholarships sponsored through Watson Grove Baptist Church. The Scholarship Ministry will conduct interviews during the month of May. Below please select your first and second choices to interview for the scholarships:

The first date that I would like to interview on is (circle or highlight your preference):

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

The second date that I would like to interview on is (circle or highlight your preference):

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>