



WATSON GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Curtis W. Goodwin Sr., Scholarship Application Class of 2025

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Return completed application to:

Scholarship@thegrovenash.org

OR hand deliver to

Ms. Cee-Cee Buntin or Ms. Leigh Oliver

Deadline: *April 30, 2025*

Scholarship Ministry Overview

The Scholarship Ministry at Watson Grove Baptist Church sponsors the Pastor Curtis W. Goodwin, Sr. Scholarship. Watson Grove has been a proud supporter of this ministry for many years, allocating 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. Academic Interest - Must be interested in pursuing a major in Social Science (Social Work, Pastoral Care, Theology, Psychology, etc.)
5. Community Service - Displaying a commitment to the community and service to God's people
6. Involvement - Demonstrate gifts and talents through activities at or outside of school
7. Interview - Applicants will be able to present themselves and their aspirations in person

Application Process

All applications are due by April 30, 2025. 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. 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 Pastor Curtis W. Goodwin Sr. 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 2yr 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 responds to the writing prompt 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 (Must complete essays associated with this application separately)
- Virginia Thompson Scholarship (Must complete essays associated with this application separately)
- Pastor Curtis Goodwin Scholarship

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:

List any church activities you have been involved in:

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. _____

1. _____

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?

Writing Prompt

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.

Who is Pastor Curtis W. Goodwin, Sr.?

Listener, Advocate, Giver

Reverend Curtis W. Goodwin, Sr. served as the senior pastor of Watson Grove Missionary Baptist Church from 1973-2011. He loved God whole-heartedly and lived out God’s love through his service to the church and community. During Pastor Goodwin’s time at Watson Grove, he was passionate and dedicated to fostering the development of youth. He mentored young preachers, encouraged children involvement in the church, and supported youth by attending their activities outside of the church. Pastor Goodwin was an advocate and provided a voice with/for the voiceless. He provided opportunities to hear children's voices, he visited and fought for incarcerated individuals, and he believed that underrepresented populations in the community had voices that were important to hear. Pastor Goodwin wanted to see the betterment of his community through collaboration of those that lived there and having local and state government know their needs. As a graduate of American Baptist College, Pastor Goodwin was dedicated to staying connected to that community and the young people the institution developed. Pastor Goodwin was a selfless servant by giving his time, actively listening, and advocating for others.

After reading this brief description on the legacy and impact that Pastor Curtis W. Goodwin Sr. made at Watson Grove and the community answer the following question:

Reflecting on the impact and reach of Pastor Curtis W. Goodwin Sr., how do you foresee continuing the legacy of this man of God if awarded this scholarship?

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

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| 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?

Signature of School Official _____ Date: _____

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