



WATSON GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Virginia Thompson 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 Virginia Thompson 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 Grade Point Average 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, 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 Virginia Thompson 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
- 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:

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. _____

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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?

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 Virginia Thompson?

Passionate, People-Centered, Positive

When fellow church members were asked to describe Sister Virginia Thompson, three powerful p-words came to the forefront—Passionate, People-Centered, Positive. Ms. Thompson loved the Lord her God with all her heart and was committed to loving her neighbor as herself. She was a faithful and dedicated servant of God that no matter what she did to be involved in the church; she served with positivity and passion. Ms. Thompson used her calling of serving God’s people by stepping into leadership roles in the church. She was a pillar of the church by serving as President of the Usher Board, President of the Christian in Action Ministry (where scholarship ministry was birthed from), Member of the Choir, Sunday school teacher and many other roles. Ms. Thompson's main objective was to invest in the people of the church either through helping them develop leadership skills or through accessing their educational aspirations. She wanted to see the youth succeed in obtaining their post-secondary aspirations. She saw the potential within people and assisted them in fostering the skills to become better versions of themselves. Ms. Thompson believed that students were more than just the numbers defined in grades or test scores. She challenged the ministry to look at the whole person and see the greatness within our youth.

After reading this brief description on the legacy and impact that Sister Virginia Thompson made at Watson Grove answer the following question:

Reflecting on the impact and reach of Sister Virginia Thompson, how do you foresee continuing the legacy of this woman 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

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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