**The Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Church Association**

**Guidelines for Mattie Johnson Scholarship Award - 2025**

The Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Association’s Scholarship is designed to assist current year high school graduates, who are active members of an Old West Florida Association Church, with their pursuit of higher education at a vocational/technical school, community college, or university. The **church** of which the applicant is a member, **must have donated a minimum of $50** to the **Scholarship Fund at least two consecutive Associations (October) before a member is eligible to apply.** (*Example: To be eligible for 2025, must have donated in 2023* ***and*** *2024.)* The Association will award **two or more (**up to three) scholarships each year to applicants with the highest average score of the screening committee.

1. A Screening Sub-Committee will review the applications and make recommendations. If a member of the Screening Sub-Committee has a relative applying for the scholarship, the member will be asked to refrain from evaluating the applications.
2. Recipients choosing to attend a **college or university** will receive **$1,000** paid in **two $500** amounts: **(1) after beginning classes** for **first term** and **(2) after beginning classes** for the **second (**consecutive**) term and providing a copy of their transcripts indicating a 2.0 average** was received for the first term. A **verification of enrollment must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chairman after the first week of classes—OCTOBER 1 and FEBRUARY 1-- who will request the check for the student.**
3. Recipients choosing to attend a **vocational/technical institution** will receive **$500** paid in **two $250** amounts: **(1) after verification of enrollment** is submitted at the **end of the first week of classes** and **(2) mid-way the program** based on a letter from the instructor indicating that successful progress is being made toward completing the program.
4. **If an awardee fails to provide documentation of enrollment or contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman by OCTOBER 1, 2025 and FEBRUARY 1, the scholarship is cancelled.**

**Qualifications for Scholarship Applicants**

1. The student must be an **active member** of a church in the Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Association and a **current year graduate** with a **2.0 cumulative GPA** of a high school.
2. The student must **email** the following application package as requested **before or by JUNE 30.** All application packages **MUST BE SCANNED and EMAILED no later than 11:30 p.m. on June 30. POSTAL MAIL, Hand deliveries and/or Certified or Express Mail WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
   1. Typed, complete current year OWF Scholarship Application. Applications may be downloaded via email to an Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Church Pastor, Deacon, Mother, or Sister who are active members of the Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Association or by emailing the **Scholarship Chairman at jerrlyne@aol.com**--Include **in subject line Scholarship Application.**
   2. A **typed, one page Business Letter** (in correct format) to the Scholarship Committee explaining why he/she should receive a scholarship from the Association.
   3. A letter of recommendation **for this scholarship** from their pastor on **church letterhead (typed with date, and signed).** If the pastor is the father/guardian of an applicant, the letter of recommendation should come from a Deacon or Youth Advisor.
   4. **One letter** of recommendation **for this scholarship** from their **high school** (teacher, coach, principal, guidance counselor, etc.) **on school letterhead (typed with date and signed)**
   5. A copy **(first and last page)** of high school transcript showing **final grades and graduation**
   6. **Signed Letter or Form on letterhead from the organization verifying community service.**
3. **ALL SIGNATURES (including those on recommendation letters) MUST BE HANDWRITTEN. Computer generated signatures are NOT acceptable.**

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**Please DO NOT submit more than the two or three requested letters from others.**