

# First Baptist of Alexandria Foundation, Inc. Scholarships

**Application Deadline: March 29, 2021**

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**

The First Baptist of Alexandria Foundation, Inc. makes funds available annually for undergraduate, graduate and seminary scholarships. This year our application process is fully online. All responses will be completed through an online form and by uploading documents. Because our application process has changed, applicants should consider the following:

- The application will no longer be available after 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2021. No applications can be submitted after that time.
- The application form is in two parts. Each part will time out after 60 minutes. You cannot save and return to the form. After submitting Part 1, the applicant will receive a link, by email, for completing Part 2, either immediately or later.
- Preparing your responses and documents in advance is essential. This PDF includes all questions that will require a response or uploading a document. Read or print the document to prepare your answers.
- No applications will be accepted by mail or by email.

Eligibility Requirements for applicants:

- Be a member of or closely affiliated with First Baptist Church of Alexandria.
- Be at least a high school graduate (or scheduled to graduate no later than August 2021) and enrolling for undergraduate college, graduate level college, or seminary classes for Fall 2021-Summer 2022.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Submit transcripts and/or evidence of growth and improvement during recent years of education.
- Applicant is expected to complete the entire application and write accompanying essays.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications to certify eligibility. Applications will be disqualified if they do not meet an eligibility requirement, do not include all supporting documentation, or if any part of the application form is not fully completed.

Transcripts: Applicants will need to

- request that official transcripts be sent to the Scholarship Committee at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302 or emailed to [ellen@fbcalexandria.org](mailto:ellen@fbcalexandria.org).
- provide an unofficial transcript or Alternate Form for Academic Information by uploading the document in your application. (Suggested format for Alternate Form is included at the end of this document.)

Some schools offer Matching Funds for scholarship recipients. If your school offers matching funds, documents should be included with your application.

Letters of congratulations and scholarship checks will be mailed to recipients. Recipients will be recognized during worship services on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

All questions regarding the application process should be directed to:

Ellen Frazier, Assistant for Discipleship  
First Baptist Church  
2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302  
(703) 299-3604  
[ellen@fbcalexandria.org](mailto:ellen@fbcalexandria.org)

The following document is a duplicate of the online form. Read or print this document and use it to prepare your responses before beginning the online application. Save all required documents so that they are readily available for you to upload, as needed.

## **2021 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – PART 1**

You will see the following note on the online application:

This is PART 1 of your 2021 Foundation Scholarship Application. You will have 60 minutes to complete this section. You cannot save and return to the application form. We recommend reading or printing the attached PDF and using it to prepare your responses. Return to the form when you have prepared all answers and have necessary documents saved and ready for uploading. For Part 1, you will need: **response to Your Christian Life essay, complete Financial Information, and Matching Funds information and form (if applicable).**

### **SECTION ONE: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Name (First and Last)

Email address:

Home Address (street, city, state, zip)

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Date of Birth:

Are you a First Baptist Church Member?  Yes  No

If no, what is your affiliation with First Baptist?

### **SECTION TWO: SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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Institution you will be attending or list two top choices from the schools to which you have applied:

Your address at the institution (if known):

I will live:  On campus  Off campus  At home

I will be a:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate student  Seminary student

High School attended:

What is your current GPA?

Did you request any transcripts from an educational institution be sent to the Scholarship Committee at First Baptist Church of Alexandria? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No. If yes, please identify the name of the educational institution(s).

16. What is your intended major?

17. What are your career interests?

**SECTION THREE: YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE:**

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Upload a document with your response to the following (500-word limit):

Write a narrative essay describing how your faith has grown. Include examples of how you have participated in Christian ministry and service, if applicable. If you are a prior recipient of a Foundation scholarship, please focus your essay on the past 12 months.

**SECTION FOUR: FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

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Complete the following financial need equation based on the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) report. The applicant is expected to complete each line and compute all mathematical calculations correctly. \*Note: If you have not yet completed your FAFSA or need help with this section, there are several websites that offer a “quick” calculator for an estimated EFC ([www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)). The EFC calculator also applies to independent and part-time students.

Line 1: Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: Room & Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: Books & Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4: Total Fees (combine lines 1-3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 5: Estimated Family Contributions (EFC) from Federal Student Aid Report \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 6: Other confirmed scholarships not included on your EFC \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 7: Total of lines 5 and 6 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 8: Estimated Financial Need (Line 4 minus line 7) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Scholarship Committee recognizes negative numeric values are equivalent to 0.

Are any other members of your immediate family in college? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, indicate the relationship:

What will you do to assist yourself financially?

Are Matching Funds available to you from other sources or institutions? \_\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_No

If yes, identify the fund name and upload necessary form or information sheet. If there is a section to be completed by the student, be sure to include all necessary information.

### **END OF PART 1**

You will see the following note on the online application:

You have completed PART 1 of your scholarship application. Once you choose SUBMIT, you will receive an email confirmation that includes a link to PART 2. You will have 60 minutes to complete PART 2, either now or later. Be sure to save the email response with the link.

## **2021 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – PART 2**

You will see the following message on the online application:

You will have 60 minutes to complete Part 2 of your application. You cannot save and return to the application form. For Part 2, be sure that you **have saved digital files of all necessary transcripts and alternate documents, have completed and saved your Personal Statement, and have completed and saved the Additional Information response (if applicable).**

### **SECTION FIVE: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

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**High School Students:** Upload a copy of your recent transcript showing your high school classes and grades received, to date. If you do not have a transcript, create an alternate document, with a list of classes per grade level and grades received (use the suggested format in the PDF). Also, request an official current transcript to be sent directly from your school to Scholarship Committee, 2932 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302 or emailed to Ellen Frazier at [ellen@fbcalexandria.org](mailto:ellen@fbcalexandria.org).

**College Students (Undergraduate):** Attach a transcript of your college courses and grades received. If you have been in college two years or less, also attach a copy of your high school transcript. (If an official transcript is being sent from your school, you may upload an unofficial transcript or an alternate document (use the suggested format in the PDF.) Official transcripts should be mailed to Scholarship Committee, 2932 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302 or emailed to [ellen@fbcalexandria.org](mailto:ellen@fbcalexandria.org).

**Graduate and Seminary Students:** Attach a transcript of current graduate or seminary course work and grades received, if applicable, and a transcript of your undergraduate course work.

**NOTE: Suggested formats for Alternate Forms for Academic Information can be found at the end of this PDF. A scanned copy of a transcript is preferred. Official transcripts should be mailed to Scholarship Committee, 2932 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302 or emailed to [ellen@fbcalexandria.org](mailto:ellen@fbcalexandria.org).**

## **SECTION SIX: PERSONAL STATEMENT**

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Note that this **IS** a required response.

Upload a well-developed, carefully considered response to the following question (500-word limit): Describe your educational goals. If you are a prior Foundation scholarship recipient, focus on how those goals have shifted or grown over the past 12 months.

## **SECTION SEVEN: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Note that this **IS NOT** a required response.

Has your family or personal situation changed in the past twelve months? If so, please explain this change and how it impacts you. Upload your response (500-word limit).

## **SECTION EIGHT: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

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By submitting this application and providing your name below, you agree to the following:

I certify that all information reported on this application is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I am awarded a scholarship from the First Baptist of Alexandria Foundation, Inc., I will use the funds exclusively for educational purposes. If I am unable to complete the course work or to apply the funds for my tuition and fees, I will return the scholarship award, or the portion not used, to the Foundation.

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

This is the end of Part 2. After choosing SUBMIT, you will receive a number and email.

## SUGGESTED ALTERNATE FORM FOR ACADEMIC INFORMATION (High School)

Use this layout to supply academic information only if transcripts of high school grades are not available.

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

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

List letter grades in courses taken in the following subject areas:

<u>COURSES</u>	<u>Grade</u>	9	10	11	12
English					
Social Studies					
Mathematics					
Science					
Foreign Language					
Fine/Practical Arts					
Vocational					
Business					

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ based on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale.

Include additional course information below:

