

## WEST JACKSON BAPTIST CHURCH/UNION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Scholarship assistance shall be made available to members of West Jackson Baptist Church who have continuous “good standing” church membership for at least two years with West Jackson Baptist Church immediately prior to February 25th of the application year.
2. “Good Standing” is defined as one who regularly tithes if employed and one whose attendance is Sunday school, regular worship and active involvement in a ministry area is at least consistent with the schedule below:

**Freshman** – 75% attendance in Sunday School and regular worship from January through May of Junior year of high school and June through December of Senior year of High School or 60% attendance in Sunday School and regular worship attendance and at least 8 Hours of church sponsored service.

**Sophomore** – 75% attendance in Sunday School and regular worship from January through August of Senior year of High School and 75% attendance Sunday School and regular worship from September through December of Freshman year of college or 60% attendance in Sunday School and regular worship attendance and at least 8 hours for church sponsored service.

**Junior and Senior** – 75% attendance in Sunday School and regular worship from January through December of the previous calendar year or 60% attendance in Sunday School and regular worship attendance and at least 8 hours of church sponsored service.

\*Church sponsored service in another ministry area of West Jackson Baptist Church outside of the College Ministry is defined as but not limited to: Children’s Ministry, Student Ministry, Music Ministry, Preschool Ministry, Recreation Ministry and Missions Ministry. Students are only allowed to count two hours per event, such as, working at a camp or retreat. These 8 hours must be considered volunteer and unpaid hours.

3. No student shall be eligible for scholarship assistance who is on official discipline probation or who does not maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of previously completed semester.
4. Scholarship assistance shall be available for the first Bachelor Degree. Graduate degrees do not apply. Applicants can receive funds for a maximum of five academic years.
5. Scholarship assistance shall apply to room, board, tuition, and required classroom materials and fees.
6. Available funds shall be distributed equally among eligible church members subject to the conditions in 1-6 above, and the receiving of scholarship aid will not be negated by other monies the student may receive up to the full 100% of his/her school cost. (See #8 below.)
7. Federal guidelines for financial aid prohibit students from receiving more than the total dollars necessary to meet student expenses.
8. In the event that a West Jackson Baptist Church student who has been awarded scholarship money withdraws from Union prior to July, the student is to notify the church office and such award will be assigned to newly available students or redistributed to those already awarded.
9. Students must complete an application form and file for standard admissions and financial aid (required by Union) by February 16th of each year before eligibility can be considered and submitted to Union by April 1.
10. Application forms shall be distributed by the Pastor to Students, or his designate, and he shall be responsible for church-wide announcements in the bulletin in the months of January and February. The names of students receiving assistance will be announced in a regularly schedule business meeting of the church.

11. The Church Scholarship Committee composed of six elected members shall have the responsibility of determining eligibility and ineligibility of students and recommending student scholarships to the church Finance Committee which will oversee the proper implementation of the fund.
12. The Pastor to Students shall execute the procedures herein stated. Any contestation of the principles or procedures governing these scholarship guidelines shall be referred to the Church Scholarship Committee and Church Finance Committee and, in turn, to the church as a whole.
13. Any amendment needed to these procedures shall be brought before the church by the Church Scholarship Committee.
14. An exception to the principle in guidelines #1 and #2 requiring church membership for scholarship assistance will be made if the student meets the following criteria:
  - a. He/She has been called by the Lord as a full-time or part-time staff member at another Southern Baptist Church.
  - b. All other requirements set forth in guidelines are met.
15. Each applicant must attend an interview set up by the Scholarship Committee.