

**PREPARING FOR ZION BAPTIST CHURCH'S
2021 GRADS DAY**



Dear Fellow Zion Disciples,

We are delighted to be preparing for our Education Sunday celebration (aka Grads Day) on Sunday, June 6, 2021, where we again recognize our graduates at all levels from kindergarten through post-Ph.D. programs and award numerous scholarships. **If you will be graduating from elementary school, middle school, high school, college, professional school, a post-doc program, ushering school, or any other school or professional program, please complete the Graduate Recognition Form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021ZBCGradsForm>.** Zion will recognize both member and non-member graduates with a certificate.

We thank God that due to your generosity, as well as that of others in Zion's extended family, **we have a total of eight (8) scholarships to award, as indicated below.** While most scholarships are limited to Zion members only, the Charles B. Walker Culture Club and Donna M. Keller Scholarships are **open to both members and non-members.** Similarly, while most scholarships are for Zion's high school graduates, **two scholarships are not restricted for high school graduates only, as they focus on specific fields of study at any level:** The Isabelle Hammond Scholarship, which is open to those pursuing fine arts, and the Rev. Dr. Glossie H. Valentine Scholarship, which is open to those pursuing a degree in ministry, religion, divinity or related major. All scholarship applications are posted on Zion's website at www.ziondc.org.

Graduating high school seniors have an opportunity for multiple scholarships and we encourage them to apply to as many as possible. In addition to the **Zion Scholarship that covers four years of study for a total of \$8,000 (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021ZBC-ScholarshipApp>)**, there are five additional scholarships available exclusively for high school students: the Culture Club, Everson, Harvey, Keller, and Owens Scholarships. The initial eligibility for each scholarship is summarized below, but be sure to read each scholarship criteria carefully to ensure you meet all submission requirements.

Scholarship	Amount	Initial Eligibility (see additional requirements in each scholarship)
Brenton T. Everson Scholarship	\$1,000 one-time award	Active Zion high school graduating senior
Charles B. Walker Culture Club Scholarships (multiple awards)	\$500-\$1,000 one-time award	Graduating high school senior or a GED recipient; Zion members and non-members eligible
Donna M. Keller Scholarship for the Written Word	\$1,500 one-time award	Graduating high school senior; Zion members and non-members eligible
Rev. Dr. Glossie M. Valentine Scholarship for Ministry	\$1,000 one-time award	Active Zion member entering or in college or grad school majoring in ministry, religion, divinity or related major
Isabelle R. Hammond Arts Scholarship	\$1,000 one-time award per degree level	Active Zion member entering or in college or grad school majoring in fine arts
Barron H. and Edith Harvey Scholarship	two \$1,500 scholarships	One male and one female Zion graduating high school senior <i>attending Howard University</i> in Fall 2021
Dr. Robert L. Owens III College Scholarship	\$2,000 one-time award	Active Zion high school <i>male</i> graduating senior
Zion Baptist Church Scholarship (multiple awards)	\$2,000 award for up to 4 consecutive years	Active high school graduating seniors

Lastly, please note that the Culture Club application is due no later than May 10, 2021; the Keller Scholarship is due July 31, 2021; all other scholarship applications and the Graduate Recognition Form are due no later than Friday, May 14, 2021. Each application lists where it is to be submitted. Please be sure to adhere to these

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deadlines to remain eligible for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact us at collegeministry@zionbaptistchurch.net.

Yours in Christ,
Deacons Emeriti Darryl and Leslye Fraser, Co-Chairs
Zion Baptist Church College Ministry

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