



MIRACLE TEMPLE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

A Place Where Miracles Do Happen

2018 LUCAT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline: May 7, 2018

Scholarship Guidelines and Application Procedures

Scholarship Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Is a prospective 2018 graduating senior
- Is a current member of Miracle Temple Christian Ministries and has shown dedication to the ministry (eg, *involvement in the Miracle Temple Youth Department*)
- Has a numeric average of 80 or better on a 100 point grading scale
- Shows evidence of academic and personal motivation, good character, and promise of successful college matriculation at a two or four year accredited institution. Those planning to enroll into technical school are also eligible to apply
- Willingness to interview (*date and time will be communicated to finalists*)

Application Process

The following items must be submitted to one of the addresses provided below by May 7, 2018:

- Completed scholarship application
- 300-500 word essay on the following topic:
Describe a way in which your faith has been tested. Describe how (or what steps) you took to recover.
- Unofficial transcript (Applicants who are invited to interview will be asked to provide an official transcript.)
- Two (2) Academic Letters of Support highlighting your school involvement and educational goals from a teacher, counselor, and/or administrator who are in support of your educational goals.
- One (1) Statement of Support from a person that knows you well (peer, family friend, supervisor) and can attest to your personal character and desire to pursue higher education.

mtcmeducationcounsel@gmail.com.

or

Trenisha Jones-McCall and Dr. Mary Smith
MTCM Education Counsel
1515 King Rd.
Riverdale, GA 30294

The application and all supporting materials must be received by May 7, 2018. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. All documents physically mailed must be postmarked by May 7, 2018.

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Please type all information directly on this form. You may attach a resume or additional sheets if necessary.

I. *General Information*

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

School _____ Telephone # _____

Counselor _____

Course of Study:

College Prep _____ Career Technology _____ Other _____

Overall Numeric Average _____ Fall 2017 Numeric Average _____

II. *Extracurricular Activities*

List any extracurricular activities with dates in which you are currently or have been involved during your high school years. Include civic and community activities.

Extracurricular Activities

Dates of Involvement

III. Academic and Non-Academic Honors and Awards

List any honors and/or awards and the dates you received the honor and/or award. Include scholastic, community, civic, etc.

<i>Honor/Award</i>	<i>Date Received</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

IV. College and University Applications

List the accredited colleges and universities to which you have applied for admission. Include the city and state where they are located.

<i>College or University Name</i>	<i>City and State</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

V. Letters of Support

List the names of the three (3) individuals who will complete the enclosed Letter of Support on your behalf. A complete application will include two (2) academic letters of support and one (1) personal letter of support. Do not include relatives.

<i>Name (First and Last)</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

VI. *Essay*

Compose a type written double-spaced 300 – 500 word essay on the following topic:

Describe a way in which your faith has been tested. Describe how (or what steps) you took to recover.

The essay must be typed in Georgia or Times New Roman 12 pt. font and double-spaced.

VII. *Unofficial Transcript*

An unofficial copy of your most recent high school transcript should be submitted. Applicants who are invited to interview will be asked to provide an official certified transcript in a sealed envelope.

VIII. *Verification*

I certify that all the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

If awarded the scholarship, I give Miracle Temple Christian Ministries permission to use my name and image in reports, materials, press releases, and social media pages.

I understand that all financial and academic information from my transcript and application is confidential.

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient it is my responsibility to provide the MTCM Education Counsel official proof of college or university enrollment to receive scholarship payment.

I also understand that if this application is submitted without all the required attachments and supporting information it will be not meet the eligibility criteria and will not be considered for the scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Date



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Applicant Name _____

To The Recommender:

The above named applicant is applying for the LUCAT Academic Scholarship awarded by Miracle Temple Christian Ministries. Please assist the Education Counsel by completing the required recommendation form regarding the applicant's abilities. Your response will be confidential. Feel free to attach an additional sheets if necessary.

Upon completion, please submit your recommendation to:

mtcmeducationcounsel@gmail.com.

or

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MTCM Education Counsel
1515 King Rd.
Riverdale, GA 30294

All recommendation forms must be postmarked by **May 7, 2018**.

Thank you for assistance and cooperation in this process.

LUCAT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
Academic Recommendation

Applicant Name _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What do you consider to be the applicant's strengths?
3. What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?
4. Rate the applicant on the following skills and characteristics using a scale of 1 (No Basis for Judgment) to 5 (Exceptional):

Commitment to academics	_____	Integrity	_____
Interest in learning	_____	Initiative	_____
Oral Communication	_____	Leadership	_____
Written Communication	_____	Responsibility	_____
Likelihood of success in field	_____	Working with others	_____
5. Please explain why the applicant is deserving of a scholarship. You may explain your ratings or make comments concerning the applicant's qualifications that might assist the scholarship committee in evaluating the applicant. A separate letter or additional sheets may be attached if necessary.

_____ I strongly recommend this applicant. _____ I recommend this applicant with reservations.
_____ I recommend this applicant. _____ I do not recommend this applicant.

Recommender Name _____ Title/Occupation _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

LUCAT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
Personal Recommendation

Applicant Name _____

1. What is your relationship to the applicant?
2. What do you consider to be the applicant's strengths?
3. What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?
4. Please provide a brief statement of support for this applicant. A separate letter or additional sheets may be attached if necessary.

Recommender Name _____ Title/Occupation _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TIPS FOR WRITING AN EFFECTIVE ESSAY

A successful scholarship essay takes technique and organization. Remember your scholarship essay will be competing with entries from other students also seeking scholarships. Below, are some tips that will help you to construct a scholarship essay that will help to propel your scholarship essay to the top of the list.

1. **Read the instructions and make sure you understand them before you start writing.** What is required? How long should the essay be? Are you required to format the essay a certain way? What is the deadline for submitting the essay?
2. **Develop an outline.** Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing. How do you want to open your essay? What information needs to be included in your conclusion? Make sure that your outline touches on every aspect required per the instructions.
3. **Organize your essay.** Your essay needs a clear organization so that the reader can follow your thoughts and understand what you aim to convey in your writing. A basic essay will include an introduction, one or two body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
4. **Engage the reader.** Use clear and concise language throughout the essay. Be sure to use descriptive language that grabs the reader's attention. One way to grab the reader's attention is to open your essay with a quote or statistic that relates to the essay question.
5. **Construct a main idea statement.** The introduction paragraph should include a well written main idea statement that will let the reader know how you will answer the essay question. For example if you are writing an essay about your financing your college education, you may construct a main idea statement like this:

I plan on applying for scholarships, taking out students loans, and working part-time in order to finance my college education.

This main idea statement lets the reader know that your essay will discuss the three different ways you plan to finance your college education (scholarships, loans, and working).

6. **Develop your content.** You want to impress upon the reader that you are the best applicant for the scholarship. This is your time to shine! What makes you stand out above the rest of the applicants? In one or two paragraphs state all of your accomplishments and achievements. Strengthen your essay by providing concrete examples that relate back to the essay question. If the essay question is about current events, be sure to cite references such as newspapers, websites, etc to enhance your essay.
7. **Wrap it up.** Be sure to close your essay with a strong conclusion paragraph that sums up your essay. The conclusion paragraph is your last chance to reassert that you are the best applicant for the scholarship. When concluding your essay relate your essay question to your desire to pursue a college education. For example if you are writing about politics, you may write:

The occupy movement has sparked my interest in government policies. When I attend college in the fall I plan on majoring in political science.

8. **Review.** Make sure your grammar and spelling are impeccable. You want to impress upon the reader that you are college material. Make sure that your essay is written in a professional error free manner.
9. **Review – again!** Have someone with strong writing and editing skills proofread the essay before your submit it.

HOW TO INTERVIEW SUCCESSFULLY

An interview is a chance to show that you're more than just test scores and grades. While your essay and recommendations can offer an impression of who you are, words on paper can reveal only so much. The interview is your chance to be your own advocate by talking positively about your interests and enthusiasms, to show your personality, and to boost your chance of winning the scholarship.



- 1. Dress for success.** Jeans and T-shirts have no place at an interview. When in doubt, be conservative. Professional dress will show the interviewer that you are serious about the interview. Men should wear suit and tie or slacks and a dress shirt. Women should wear slacks and a dress shirt, conservative dress, or a suit. Do not wear jewelry that is flashy and ornate. Men should have a clean haircut and women should have their hair neatly styled.
- 2. Early is on time; on time is late!** Arrive 10 minutes early to the interview location. Use this extra time to use the restroom, fix your hair, turn off your cell phone, review your notes, and compose your thoughts. You want to walk into the interview room with poise and confidence.
- 3. First Impression.** When you meet the interviewer shake his or her hand firmly and greet them. Be sure to connect with the interviewer by making eye contact. Be polite to everyone you meet.
- 4. Body Language.** Remain focused throughout the interview. Sit in the chair with your back straight and show the interviewer that you are engaged in the conversation. Maintain strong eye contact. Do not fidget with your hands or hair. Refrain from shifting in your seat. You need to demonstrate through your body language that you are professional and deserving of the scholarship.
- 5. Speech counts.** Only use proper English when interviewing. Refrain from using slang or text language. You want to show the interviewer that you are professional and worthy of the scholarship.
- 6. Engage the Interviewer.** Show the interviewer that you are an active participant in the conversation by asking some questions of your own. You can also interject with interesting tidbits of information that may help highlight your accomplishments, need for the scholarship and desire for higher education.
- 7. Lasting Impression.** As your interview comes to a close, shake the interviewer's hand and thank them for meeting with you. Always smile and be polite as you exit. Refrain from making phone calls, eating or chewing gum until you are out of the building.
- 8. Sample interview questions/topics:**
 1. Tell me about yourself
 2. What are two colleges you are applying to? Why did you choose these two colleges?
 3. What do you plan to major in? Why?
 4. Tell me about an obstacle you have overcome
 5. What do you do for fun?
 6. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
 7. Tell me about a book you have read recently