

# ***PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH***

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*Dr. Classy Preston, Pastor*

## **THE MARSHALL BRENT DIXON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM and AWARD BY-LAWS**

### **I. MISSION**

- Encourage youth to put God first in their lives, to carry Him to the classrooms and seek Him in all their endeavors.
- To encourage creative development to all youth in pursuit of academic excellence and a productive future through spiritual guidance.

### **II. PURPOSE**

- The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship will endeavor to meet the needs of our youth in various areas of their academic careers through supplemental funding which will assist in developing:
  1. Self-Awareness and Value
  2. Academic Support
  3. Career Development
  4. Financial Guidance

### **III. OBJECTIVES**

- To promote parental involvement
- To partner with other youth ministries
- To collaborate with other youth advocates
- To provide mentorship
- To provide spiritual guidance
- To provide resources to enhance academic enhancement and career development
- To provide financial assistance and financial aid awareness

### **IV. ARTICLES**

#### **Article I – Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship**

##### **Section A. Scholarship Purpose:**

Designed to award scholastic academic performance by providing financial assistance to those students who will be attending the following institutions of their choice:

1. Four- year colleges/universities
2. Two-year colleges

3. Community colleges
4. Accredited vocational schools
5. Accredited online degree programs

**Section B Student Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Must be an active member of Pleasant Grove Church for a minimum of one year with continuous involvement in at least one ministry
2. Must have completed new disciple classes
3. Must maintain a minimum of a 2.75 GPA while attending college, university vocational school, and/or online degree program of their choice
4. Must meet The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship application requirements.

**NOTE:** Special circumstances may be reviewed and considered on an individual basis by the governing committee.

**Section C. The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship Award:**

1. Scholarship awards will be based upon the approved annual allocated amount.

**Section D. Distribution of The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship Award:**

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the total scholarship award will be sent directly to the specified institution or submitted directly to the student's institution account.
2. A transcript of the first semester's grades must be received by the Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship committee at the end of December (end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester) or no later than the beginning of the incoming new year (January 10<sup>th</sup>)

3. Upon having achieved a minimum 2.75 GPA the first semester, the remaining total scholarship award will be sent directly to the specified institution or submitted directly to the student's institution account as follows.

2.75 – 2.80 – 25% of the awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> half  
2.81 – 2.90 – 50% of the awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> half  
2.91 – 2.99 – 75% of the awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> half  
3.00 or > – 100% of the awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> half

### **Article II – Special Annual Events**

The committee may choose to further promote, educate and support the scholarship as needed on an annual basis or at any other time as deemed necessary.

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

## Requirements and Instructions

The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Award is awarded on a 2.75 GPA and the availability of funds to any high school senior entering college for the first time. The student must be an active disciple of Pleasant Grove Church for a minimum of one year with continuous involvement in at least one ministry.

The following documentation must be submitted with the application to be considered for the scholarship:

- A. A letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university, vocational school, and/or online degree program.
- B. Two (2) letters of recommendation. (Teacher, Counselor, and/or Principal)
- C. Ministry Recommendation (Recommendation must be submitted by Chair or Co-Chair of each ministry in which you are an active member).
- D. Official transcript (School must send directly to the church to the attention of The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Scholarship Program and Award)
- E. Complete mailing address of the college, university, vocational school, and/or online degree program that you will be attending. Scholarship award will be mailed directly to the specified institution or the student's institution account.
- F. If you are receiving any other source(s) of financial aid, please provide specific details regarding the name and address of the administering agency/organization/association and amount(s).

### NOTES:

- A. If you would like to apply to the scholarship fund and do not meet all requirements, please submit an application for special consideration.
- B. All recipients are automatically eligible to reapply for annual scholarships through their senior year (up to 5 years) if they maintain an ongoing 2.75 GPA and reapply by the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July.

All information is due no later than the first Sunday in July for first time applicants. Any applications submitted without the required documents or after the due date will NOT be considered.

### **Please mail ALL information to:**

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The Marshall Brent Dixon Academic Excellence Program and Award  
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