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**\*\* INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS \*\***

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Scholarship Committee of the First Baptist Church of Barlow.

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## 1. GENERAL

The First Baptist Church of Barlow Endowed Scholarship Programs were created by charitable gifts, held and managed by the Southern Baptist Foundation, as endowment funds to provide income for awarding college tuition and living expense scholarships. There are two categories of the scholarship programs, namely:

- First-time-scholarship applicants use an application form tailored for new high school graduates, college undergraduates, and graduate students, who have never applied before. The evaluation guidelines for first-time applicants are described in Section 3.1.
- Continuing-scholarship applicants use an application form tailored for previous scholarship recipients applying for a continuing scholarship. This form requires updated information on grades, major and other information specified by the **Scholarship Committee**. The evaluation guidelines for continuing applicants are described in Section 3.2.

## 2. APPLICATION PROCESS

The **Scholarship Committee** provides application forms for scholarship candidates and has established submission procedures. These documents are available online at [www.fbcbarlow.com](http://www.fbcbarlow.com), or from the First Baptist Church of Barlow.

The **Scholarship Committee** determines the deadline dates for submission of applications, the dates for interviews, (if any), the methods for evaluation of applications, and the final selection of applicants.

Each **Applicant** should ensure that:

- 1) The Application is accurately and fully completed
- 2) The Application is submitted by the deadline

### 3. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION GUIDELINES

#### 3.1 FIRST-TIME-SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT SELECTION GUIDELINES

- 1) Demonstrated behavior that publicly exemplifies Christian character.
- 2) Demonstrated academic ability in high school with an overall grade point average of at least, 2.7 out of 4.0. Also, first-time scholarship applicants applying for a scholarship to attend Graduate School, must provide a college undergraduate transcript with an overall grade point average of at least, 2.7 out of 4.0.
- 3) Good score on college entrance examinations, e.g., an **ACT Composite Score** of at least 22, or a comparable **SAT Critical Reading + Math Single Score**.
- 4) Demonstrated work ethic such as summer or part-time jobs, extracurricular activities in high school or college, volunteer work, etc.
- 5) Resident of Ballard County, Kentucky for at least one year at the time of the first-time-scholarship application. Continuing-scholarship applicants do not have this residency requirement.

Exception to Residency: The Scholarship Committee may petition the Southern Baptist Foundation for a specific individual's exemption to the Ballard County, Kentucky residency requirement. Supporting evidence must be provided that would justify such an exemption.

- 6) A Christian with demonstrated active church membership and activities.
- 7) Ancestors or descendants of Eva Sanders Moore, Darrell E. Moore, Dathel Crews Norment, Thomas Taylor Norment, or Jerry Don Moore and Connie Norment Moore are **NOT eligible** for consideration.
- 8) Recommendation(s) must be provided from one or more teachers, counselors, co-workers, work supervisors, church members, etc. These recommendation letters should be provided as specified in the application instructions.
- 9) Should be entering, or continuing, in a college degree program with a high probability of finding a related job upon graduation, e.g., teaching, agriculture, pharmacy, nursing, premed, engineering, Christian ministry, etc. Lower priority should be given to Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Arts, etc.
- 10) First-time-scholarship applicants should agree to take course loads of at least 12 semester hours for undergraduate programs, and 9 hours for graduate programs, in the selected college program.

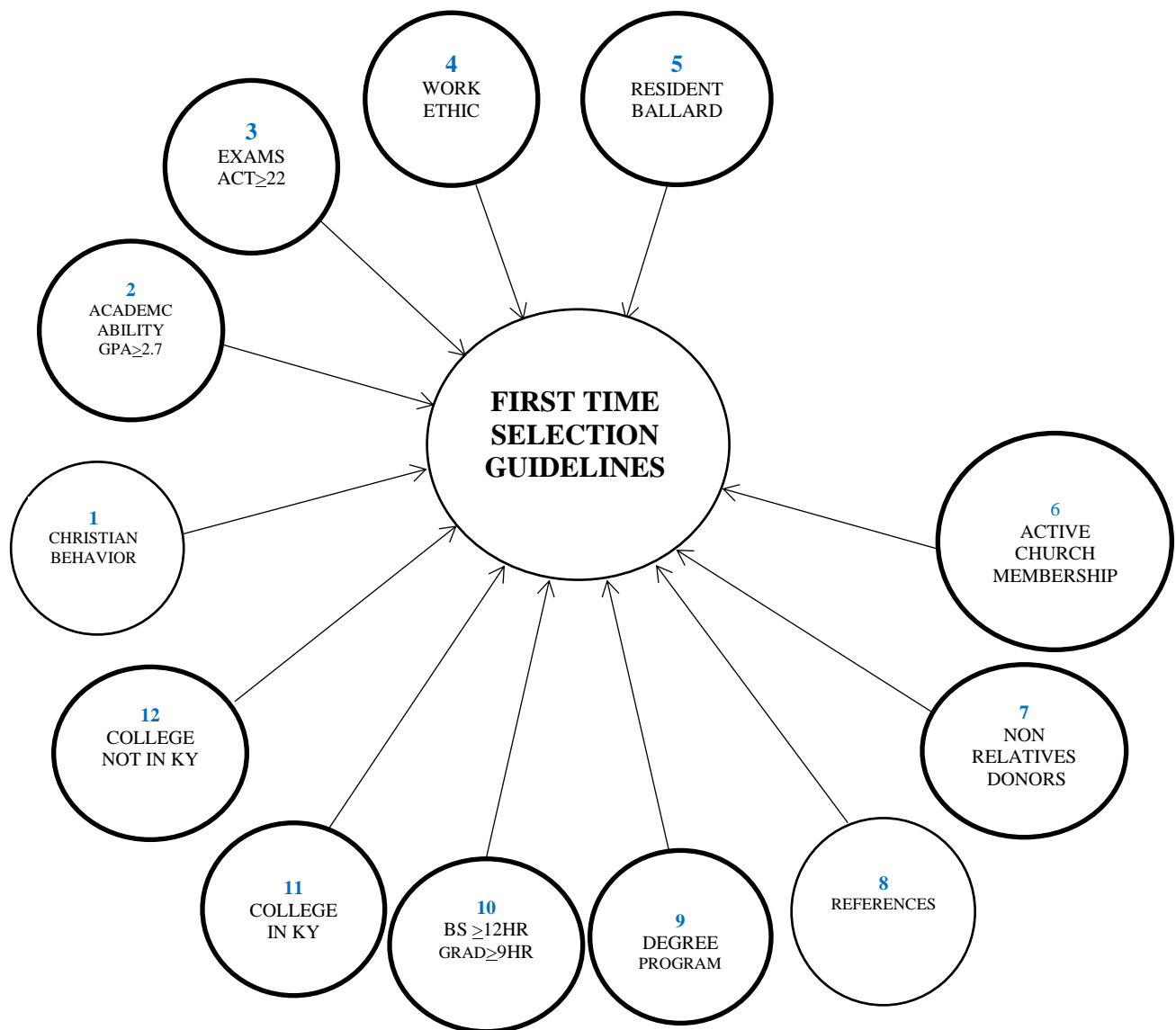
11) Preferential consideration in **SELECTION** is given to equally qualified candidates who are interested in attending an **ACCREDITED** program at colleges or universities located in the State of Kentucky. Additional preference is given to the following Universities:

University of Kentucky  
Murray State University

University of Louisville  
Western Kentucky University

12) Preferential consideration in **SELECTION** can be given to candidates attending out-of-state programs, **when** the candidate demonstrates that the desired vocationally oriented program is **not** available in Kentucky, **or** if the candidate is able to obtain a waiver of out-of-state tuition.

These selection guidelines are shown graphically in Figure 1.



**FIGURE 1: FBCB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FIRST TIME SELECTION GUIDELINES**

### 3.2 CONTINUING-SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT SELECTION GUIDELINES

There are two versions of the Continuation-of-Scholarships Guidelines, i.e.,

1. Continuing-Scholarship Simplified Selection Guidelines
2. Continuing-Scholarship Formal Selection Guidelines

The Simplified Guidelines obtains information directly from the scholarship recipient (as described below in Section 3.2.1), but without requiring official documentation. The information obtained is used by the Scholarship Committee to make selections for continuing scholarships. This information is a prerequisite to the Formal Guidelines.

The Formal Guidelines follow-up, (as described below in Section 3.2.2), requires official documentation, e.g., transcripts, to be submitted in support of the Simplified Guidelines. The information is used in subsequent evaluation of the candidate.

#### 3.2.1 CONTINUING-SCHOLARSHIP, SIMPLIFIED SELECTION GUIDELINES

Active scholarship recipients who are completing the fall or spring semester will be sent an email from the Scholarship Committee. The Information requested is used in the evaluation for selection of a Fall-to-Spring Continuing-Scholarship, or a Fall Continuing-Scholarship. The dates for sending and responding to the email are determined by the Scholarship Committee and may vary depending on the specific university. The email contents request the following information:

1. Do you desire to be considered for a continuing-scholarship?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, please explain:

2. During the current semester have you continued with church related activities at the university or at your home church?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, please explain:

3. For the current semester do you anticipate successfully completing 12 semester hours for undergraduate credit, or 9 semester hours for graduate credit?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, please explain:

4. For the current semester do you anticipate maintaining a 2.7, or greater, grade point average?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, please explain:

5. Have you continued enrollments in the same degree program and at the same university as you specified in the previous application?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, please explain:

#### 4.2.2 CONTINUING-SCHOLARSHIP, FORMAL SELECTION GUIDELINES

Following the Simplified procedure of section 3.2.1, the Scholarship Committee requires each recipient to provide formal documentation of transcripts, etc. This formal documentation is reviewed and added to the recipient's file. This information can be used in future selection consideration. The following provides details of the Formal Guidelines to be used in the selection for Continuing-Scholarships.

- 1) Demonstrated continued behavior that exemplifies Christian character.
- 2) Demonstrated continued active church related activities at either their home church or at a church located at or near the University.
- 3) Maintained college academic grade point averages, (GPA), of **both**:
  1. A last school term attended GPA of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0 system.
  2. A cumulative GPA of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0 system.

Failure to meet the requirements of 3.2.2 3)-1 and 3)-2 results in a lack of eligibility for a continuing-scholarship award. A new application can be submitted once the last-term, and cumulative GPA are elevated above or equal to a 2.7.

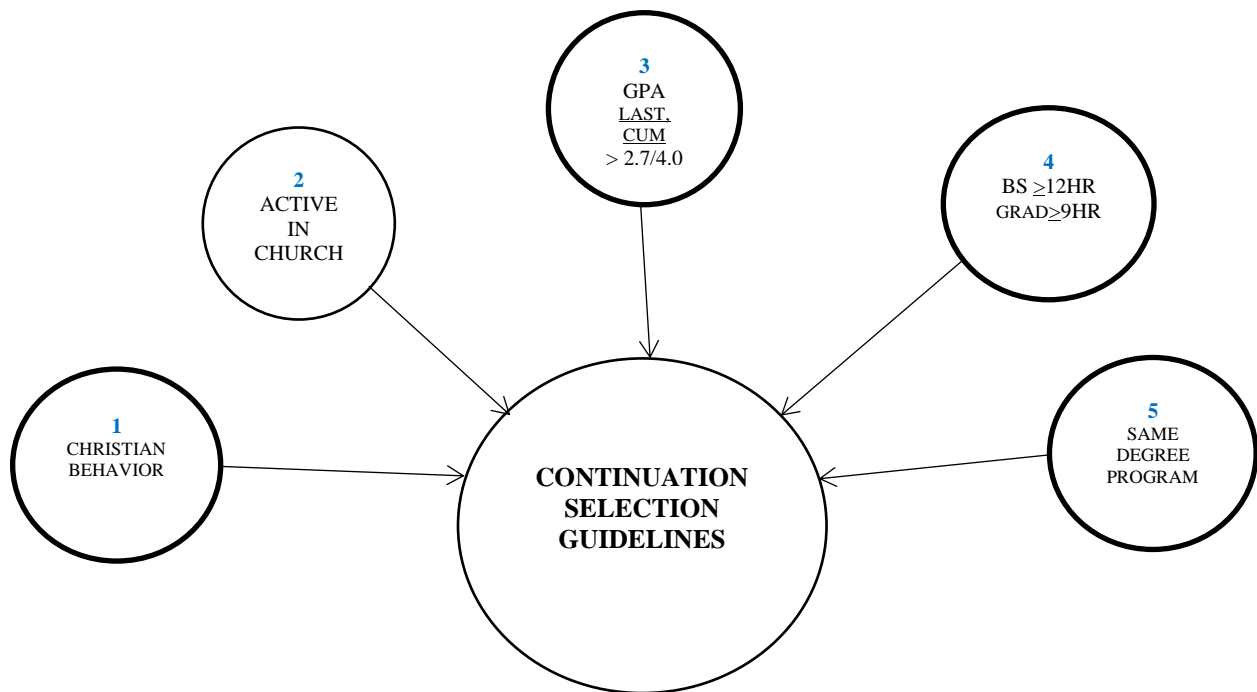
- 4) During the last term attended, **scholarship recipients** must have successfully completed course loads of at least 12 semester hours for undergraduate programs, and 9 hours for graduate programs.

Failure to meet these requirements results in a lack of eligibility for a continuing-scholarship award.

- 5) Maintained enrollment in the undergraduate, graduate or professional oriented major program **and** institution initially approved by the **Scholarship Committee**.

If a student changes majors, or institutions, the student must submit a new application for consideration by the **Scholarship Committee**.

These Selection Guidelines are shown graphically in Figure 2.



**FIGURE 2: FBCB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUATION SELECTION GUIDELINES**