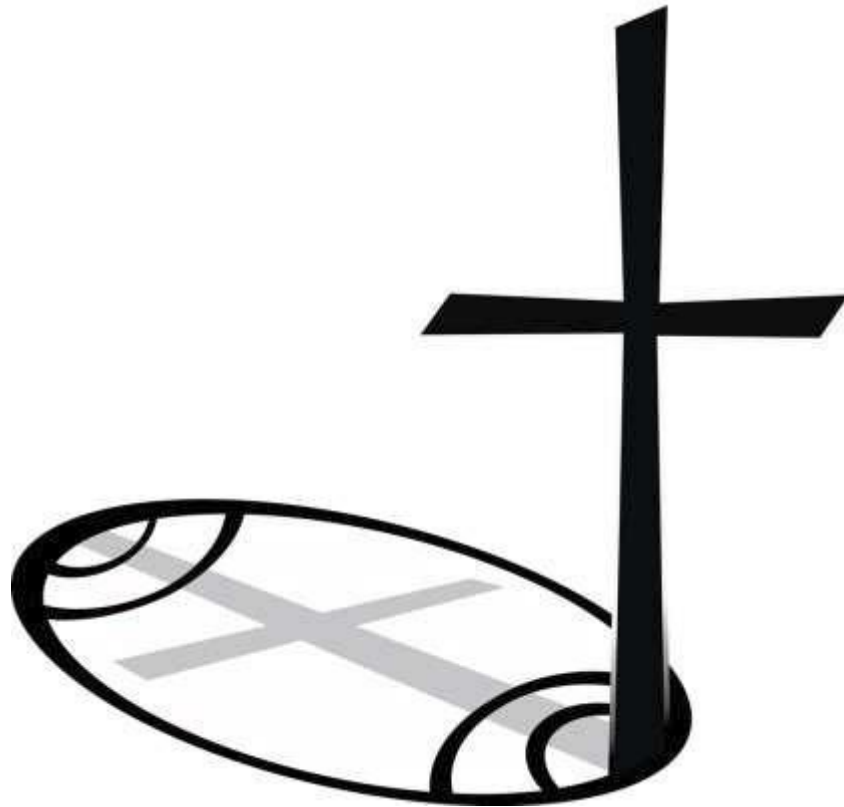


Akron Area Association of American Baptist Churches

**ABC/OHIO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION



Revised 8/9/2021

**AKRON AREA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES
OHIO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for Applicant:

1. Read the guidelines carefully and review the application form.
2. All application forms and materials should be typed or neatly printed in black or blue ink.
3. Requested letter(s) of recommendation must be included with the application.
4. Only complete application packages will be accepted. If any of the requested items are not included in the packet, it will not be processed and the applicant notified of the omission. Applications are not considered accepted until they are complete and all requested supporting materials are included.
5. Applications will be accepted January 1st through the end of business on May 31st.
6. Deliver your application and required materials to the Akron Area Association Scholarship Administrative Coordinator on or before May 31 of any calendar year. Applications may be returned by email to emjarvis37@gmail.com, or mail all documents to:

Akron Area Association Scholarship Committee
c/o First Baptist Church of Canton
4110 - 38th St NW
Canton, OH 44718

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant must have maintained an active member relationship with an ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association member church. (“Active member”: A member in good standing who attends Sunday services/activities at least fifty (50) percent of the time while at home or attending school [may participate with another church while away].)
2. Applicant shall have been accepted into the American Baptist Churches of Ohio Leadership Academy.
3. There are no age restrictions.
4. The applicant must have applied to (or be currently attending) the Ohio Leadership Academy and must provide documentation of acceptance if requested by the Scholarship Committee before an award is confirmed.

Application Forms:

1. Application forms will be available after January 1 each year. All applications must be returned to the Akron Area Association Scholarship Administrative Coordinator on or before May 31 of the same year.
2. A new application form and required materials must be submitted each time the applicant applies for the Akron Area Association of American Baptist Churches Scholarship.
 - a. If a previous recipient wishes award consideration for a subsequent year, they must meet the application criteria, and include a statement of progress toward completion.

- b. If a previously unsuccessful candidate wishes reconsideration, they must meet the application criteria, and include a statement of interim progress.
3. Additional pages may be attached to the application to allow applicant to completely provide their information.

Accompanying Forms:

1. Application packets must include:
 - a. **Initial application:**
 - 1) A completed copy of the application form
 - 2) Two (2) written, signed recommendations from non-relatives:
 - a) Recommendation from a non-relative who knows the applicant well
 - b) Recommendation from the applicant's pastor. If the pastor is related to the applicant, then a recommendation from a church member is preferred
 - d. **Renewal application:**
 - 1) A completed copy of the application form
 - 2) A statement of progress towards completion
2. All parts of the application must be received by the Akron Area Association Scholarship Administrative Coordinator on or before May 31.

Interview:

The Scholarship Committee may request additional applicant information, either in writing or through an interview process. All interviews shall be completed prior to August 1 of the application year.

Specifics:

1. Applicants will be notified of award status after August 1st of the application year.
2. Each scholarship will be for a period of one (1) year. Scholarships are not guaranteed to be renewable, but previous scholarship recipients may re-apply for an additional award. No more than three (3) annual Ohio Leadership Academy scholarships may be awarded to any individual.
3. Scholarships are awarded at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
4. Scholarships may be applied toward tuition and fees, including books and other instructional materials, and travel expenses.
5. Funding is limited. Applicants should understand that not being awarded a scholarship in no way indicates a rejection of the worthiness of the applicant.
6. Any interpretation of the guidelines, disbursement procedures, or requirements shall be determined solely by the Executive Leadership Team of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association.



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Application for financial assistance **MUST INCLUDE:**

1. Initial application:

- a. A completed copy of the application form
- b. Two (2) written, signed recommendations from non-relatives:
 - i. Recommendation from a non-relative who knows the applicant well
 - ii. Recommendation from the applicant's pastor. If the pastor is related to the applicant, then a recommendation from a church member is preferred

2. Renewal application:

- a. A completed copy of the application form
- b. A statement of progress towards completion

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHURCH NAME _____

PASTOR _____ PASTOR'S PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

YEARS AS MEMBER OF ABC/OHIO AKRON AREA ASSOCIATION CHURCH _____

LICENSED TO PREACH? (Y/N) _____ YEAR _____

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL GRADE LEVEL ATTAINED _____

COLLEGE DEGREE? (Y/N) _____

CURRENT OCCUPATION _____

Name: _____ Church: _____

CURRENT and PAST LEADERSHIP ROLES: Explain your current and past leadership roles within the church.

CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT STATEMENT: Explain your commitment to Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY GOALS: State your reasons and goals for entering the Ohio Leadership Academy Program. For instance, what factors motivated you? Who influenced you to enroll? Where might the Lord be leading you to serve? What would you like to accomplish through the program?

(cont'd on next page)

Name: _____ Church: _____

MINISTRY GOALS *(continued from previous page):*

Additional pages may be attached to completely provide your information.

By applying, I acknowledge and agree that all decisions of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Scholarship Committee regarding the award program and use of scholarships may be made by it in its sole and absolute discretion, subject only to compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. As such, all decisions of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Scholarship Committee shall be final and binding and are not subject to challenge by applicants in any manner.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Complete applications must be returned to the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Scholarship Program Administrative Coordinator on or before May 31st of each year for which funds are being applied for.

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