

2025

**Western Union Baptist District Association (WUBDA)**

**Reverend Dr. William E. Randolph Jr., Moderator**

An Affiliate of

The Ohio Baptist General Association

And

The National Baptist General Convention, USA, Inc.

WUBDA 2025

*James P. Humphrey*

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY  
WEDNESDAY, **JUNE 04, 2025****

2025

Timeline Tasks for **2025**  
 WUBDA James P. Humphrey Scholarship Committee

TASK	DATE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Posting on Website	<b>February 2025</b>	Dr. Howard Martin
Communications to Churches (Pastors and Other Key Persons)	March & April 2025	Dr. Johnnie Huston
Final Communication (at Quarterly Session)	May 2025	Pastor Dr. L. Gaines, Jr. <b>(513) 867-1787</b>
Applications Due ( <b>post marked</b> )	<b>Wednesday, June 04, 2025</b>	Applicants
Application Review Meeting ▶ <b>Verify Applicant Church Registered 2024</b> (Location: First Baptist Hartwell)	<b>Tuesday, June 10, 2025</b>  (Time: TBD)	Committee
Selection: Communication to Moderator	<b>June 11, 2025,</b>	Pastor Dr. L. Gaines, Jr.
Selected Bios Completed/ Submitted	<b>Wednesday, July 09, 2025,</b>	Dr. Johnnie M. Huston <b>Annual Session Booklet</b>
Scholarship Presentations: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Convention Host Church:                      Friendship MB Church                      8171 Anthony Wayne Avenue                      Cincinnati/Lincoln Heights 45216                 </div>	<b>Wednesday, July 30, 2025,</b>	Pastor Dr. L. Gaines, Jr. Moderator Reverend Dr. Randolph Jr. <b>WUBDA Annual Evening/ Moderator’s Night</b> ▶ <b>Recipients MUST be present or representative.</b> ▶ <b>Recipients CHURCH must be registered 2024-2025</b>

**NOTE: Incomplete WUBDA Scholarship Applications will not be considered.**



**NOTE: The top THREE scoring applicants will be selected to receive the James P. Humphrey Scholarship Award**  
**Only ONE recipient per church**

## WESTERN UNION BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

### *2025 James P. Humphrey Scholarship Application*

This is a one-time, nonrenewable scholarship award.

#### **Application Deadline:**

All applications and required documents/attachments must be mailed to:

#### **WUBDA Scholarship Committee**

**Attention: Pastor Dr. Lymon Gaines, Jr. Chairperson**

**4596 Oakview Court**

**Liberty Township, OH 45011**

Post Marked on or before: **Wednesday, June 04, 2025**

The Scholarship Fund of the Western Union Baptist District Association was established to aid aspiring African American youth who express a desire and demonstrate preparation for attendance at an accredited University, College, or Trade School. The Scholarship **was renamed** Deacon James P. Humphrey at the **135<sup>th</sup>** Annual Session of the WUBDA.

#### **General Requirements For Each Applicant:**

Applications **must** be complete, including, but not limited to each general requirement in order to be considered.

Applicant **must** be an established member of his/her church (by letter, baptism, or Christian experience and having the right-hand of fellowship) as verified by his/her Pastor and Church Clerk.

Church **must** have registered with the WUBDA for the previous calendar year - **2024**. (Churches have up to the **May 2025** Quarterly Session to register.

Applicant **must** be a current high school senior and show proof, passing **all** PARTS Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) and submit official documentation from his/her high school when applicable. Please provide proof if not indicated on transcript.

Applicant **must** submit an Official High School Transcript of academic accomplishments and have a **minimum** cumulative **2.5 GPA**. (Official Transcript must be sent directly from his/her high school and include SAT and/or ACT scores. **\*NOTE:** If scores are not printed on transcript, applicant must provide documentation from the SAT/ACT website providing scores.

Applicant **must** answer each of the questions completely under "Other Data" (page 7)

Applicant **must** attach three written letters on letterhead of personal references, one of which **must** be from his/her Pastor, high school educator and whomever. **Note: Each letter must be signed by the writer, contain contact information on letterhead.**

Applicant must submit **official documentation** that you will be attending a specific college:

- ▶ Letter of acceptance, financial aid awarded payment of tuition, dorm assignment, and or class schedule.

Applicant **must** attach a small non-returnable picture or one that is comparable. **Digital pictures** are acceptable if submitted on a flash/jump drive, CD or **e-mailed to jomohu@aol.com**. (NOTE: Recipient's picture may be used in our publications and/or Website.) **Applicant must submit a profile document.**

Applicant **must** submit with the application and e-mail the essay prior to mailing to the designated committee person, an original essay, consisting of a **minimum** of **600 words**. The topic must be as described on **page 8**. Recipients are expected to personally attend the WUBDA Youth Night ~ **Monday, July 28, 2025**. Specific information will be provided when available.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**


(Applicants must complete all the requirements to meet eligibility requirements.)

Applicant must be a **high school senior** graduating before **July 2025**.

### **The Scholarship Applicant**

- A. Must be a prospective high school graduate in the year of application. Currently be enrolled in high school with satisfactory progression toward graduation in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- B. Must use funds for undergraduate studies.
- C. Must have a grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.5**.
- D. Must be a full-time student and/or registered as a full-time student. Registration documentation must be provided.
- E. Submit three **(3) letters** of recommendation, on original letterhead and signed. One must be from the applicant's Pastor, one from, high school educator and whomever. **Note: Each letter must be signed by the writer, contain contact information on letterhead**
- F. Must have attended Christian Education classes (Sunday School and/or Bible Study in the local church.
- G. Must participate in the overall life of the church.

### **Procedures/Policy**

- A. The committee will evaluate each associational applicant based on a set of criteria adopted by the committee.
- B. Other than grade point average, the information reported on the application is classified as being true. Designated points are given for Educational Background, Church Participation, Economic Need, Community Participation, and Neatly Submitted Applications.
- C. **The three (3) highest scoring applicants will be selected.** Only **ONE** finalist per church.
- D. A monetary scholarship will be awarded to the three finalists. The names of the scholarship recipients **will be withheld from the public until the beginning of WUBDA Annual 2025 Session.**
- E. Scholarships will be awarded in one lump sum disbursement.
- F. Letters of recommendation must be included with the scholarship application. Please, **only one application per envelope.**
- G. **Faxes will not be accepted.** 

**Personal Data**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Last, First, M.I.]

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Month/Day/Year] [City State]

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 [# Street, City, State, ZIP Code]

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate/Cell Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) to which you have applied (List in order of preference)

Name	State	Applied	Accepted	No Action	Expenses/ Tuition Fees	Other Expenses (Specify)	Total Estimated Cost

Area(s) of Career Interests

Career Goal \_\_\_\_\_ Intended College Major \_\_\_\_\_

Scores on SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Date Test was taken \_\_\_\_\_ Scores: Verbal \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Achievement Test(s) Taken:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of test and score received

\_\_\_\_\_

Extra Curricular Activities/Community Involvement: (Use additional sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Data Continued**

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 [ # Street/City/State/ZIP]

Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Where Employed \_\_\_\_\_

List the name(s) of all brothers and sisters, including those living at home and away attending school/military.

Name	Age	Grade	Name	Age	Grade
1. _____			4. _____		
2. _____			5. _____		
3. _____			6. _____		

List the names of other dependents living with the family and mention any unusual circumstances regarding them.

\_\_\_\_\_

In the chart below, describe exactly how you plan to finance your education and the amounts which will be available to you.

Available From	Amount	Applied	Amount Awarded
Supplemental Education			
Grants (i.e., State/Federal/Pell/etc.)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Loans			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Your Savings			
Other Contributions			
TOTAL			

What are your alternatives should you not receive scholarships or grants: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Data:** Each item below requires a response. Please type responses and answer in complete sentences. **Be specific** and use additional sheets to expand answers.

- Explain any unusual expenses, debts, or special circumstances (hardships) that are relevant to consideration for this scholarship.
- What church activities have been the most beneficial to the applicant? Why?
- What high school courses have been the most beneficial to the applicant? Why?
- List and describe any type of community services performed.
- How has the applicant represented Christ in his/her daily walk among his/her peers and in his/her community?
- Has the applicant been employed while attending high school? If so, what effect did working have on his/her academic performance?
- What extra-curricular high school activities has the applicant participated in? What effect did they have on his/her growth? Why did he/she choose this/these activities?]
- **List WUBDA and OBGC** activities and events the applicant has attended and participated in during the last two years? Be specific. Obtain a letter of recommendation from Guild, Young David Counselor or Youth Advisor.

**DISCLOSURE:** *The information provided in this application will be disclosed only to the WUBDA as required to determine the applicant's eligibility for this one-time scholarship. The information will be available to members of the WUBDA Scholarship Committee only, in the course of their duties in establishing scholarship recipients.*

*I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.*

*Furthermore, by signing this application, I understand that **ALL** items required for a complete application must be included with this application in order that I may be considered.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Pastor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Church Clerk/Secretary Signature (verifying membership)**

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address/Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE THOROUGHLY REVIEW YOUR ENTIRE APPLICATION  
BEFORE MAILING!**

<b>Essay Requirements:</b> <i>Please read carefully</i>	<b>➡ How to Count words - #</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 600 words (Indicate count on document)</li> <li>▪ Double spaced or Line spacing set to 1.5</li> <li>▪ Indent at the beginning of each paragraph, five (5) spaces.</li> <li>▪ Font size 14 (Times New Romans preferred)</li> <li>▪ Use footnotes, <u>and page numbers on each page.</u></li> <li>▪ Include appropriate biblical references and explain how they relate.</li> <li>▪ Use appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.</li> <li>▪ Be sure to use spell check and grammar check.</li> <li>▪ E-mail essays, to have word verified count, on or before <b>Wednesday, June 04, 2025.</b></li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type the Essay in a separate document.</li> <li>2. To count words in Essay - selected text only, select the Essay text.</li> <li>3. If you don't select any text, Microsoft Word counts the words in the whole Essay document.</li> <li>4. On the Tools menu, click Word Count. Word displays counts for words, paragraphs, lines, and characters.</li> <li>5. Word count verified by Martin and Huston. E-mail essays to: <b>Dr. Howard Martin (sensoredjr@gmail.com) and Dr. J. M. Huston (jomohu@aol.com)</b></li> </ol>

**\*\* Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation.**

**\*\* *All previously mentioned requirements must be met and followed by all applicants.***

## USE THE FOLLOWING TOPIC

<p><b>Theme: Into All the World</b></p> <p><b>Topic: “The Mission of the Christian” - Mark 16:15</b></p>
--

### How Will The Applicant Be Scored?

- All general requirements **MUST** be met before applicant will be considered for this scholarship. If any portions of this application or its requirements are not complete, applicant will be disqualified.

<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Qualifications	<input type="checkbox"/> WUBDA Participation	1-10 points
○ SAT – _____ ○ ACT – _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Participation Church, Community, Work	1-10 points
○ GPA – _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Participation School Extra Curriculum	1-05 points
○ ESSAY Organization & Appearance	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Community Service	1-05 points
○ ESSAY	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Need	1-05 point
Essay Word Count (Use the Tool Menu)	<b>TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>100</b>
ESSAY: Content, Composition, Sincerity, Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, etc.		Martin (513) 721.4444 • Huston (513) 825.9037
Essay must be included in the Scholarship Application, mailed to the address on page 3. In addition, e-mail the essay for word count verification to: <b>Dr. Howard Martin (sensoredjr@gmail.com) and Dr. J. M. Huston (jomohu@aol.com).</b>		

The **maximum** three students with the highest scores will be selected as recipients of the WUBDA 2024 James P. Humphrey Scholarship. **Any questions regarding this application or the process should be directed to Pastor Dr. Lymon Gaines, Jr. (513) 867-1787 or e-mail (Revgaines1951@gmail.com).**

**Additional copies are Available at [www.WUBDA.org](http://www.WUBDA.org).**