

High School Graduates

- Dr. RB Harris Scholarship application should be submitted by 1st Sunday May at 12 midnight (no late applications will be accepted)
- Scholarships to be awarded on 3rd Sunday May.
 - 1st Place - \$1,000, 3 Care Packages in Fall, 3 Care Packages in Spring
 - 2nd Place - \$500, 3 Care Packages in Fall, 3 Care Packages in Spring
 - 3rd Place - \$250, 3 Care Packages in Fall, 3 Care Packages in Spring
 - Others - \$50 Book Stipend
- 3rd Sunday May – Graduate to be at New Bethel at 9:45 a.m./Ready for Processional
- Graduate to submit the following information with **PHOTO to Youth Advisors or email to newbethelyouth36@yahoo.com by the 1st Sunday in May**
 - Graduate Name:
 - High School Attended:
 - College Attending:
 - Major:
 - If emailing, Subject line to be: **High School Graduate**
- A Member of New Bethel in Good Standing
- Graduating High School Senior (May of Current Year)

Dr R.B. Harris Scholarship Application



**NEW BETHEL M.B. CHURCH
DR. R.B. HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Rev. Frederick B. Walker, Senior Pastor**

Auxiliary of the
Youth Department – Education Division

Scholarship Program
Mrs. Catina Walker, Youth Director
Mrs. Viola Winston, Advisor
Mrs. Deborah Alexander, Advisor

A Legacy of Hope

“...It takes everyone in a child's community to help him along the way.”

~Dr. R. B. Harris Sr.

Pastor, teacher, social activist and friend to the community, Dr. Roby Bernard Harris committed his entire life to empowering others spiritually, socially and academically. Born in Sharon, Mississippi, February 26, 1917, Dr. Harris lived most of his life in Canton seeking ways to enrich the lives of all people through quality education.

Often the “voice” for those who were in need, Dr. Harris believed that everyone deserved the opportunity to live his or her best life. The path to that life, he taught, could be achieved through a personal relationship with Christ and a solid education.

Raised by a single mother, and the first to obtain a formal education in his family, Dr. Harris graduated from Cameron Street High School in 1939. He worked for twenty-five cents a day at a local department store to save money that later earned him a college education. Many tried to convince him to settle with *finding a job* and *making a living*. However, Dr. Harris believed he could achieve far more through higher education and could thereby assist others in doing this same.

With great determination and diligence, Dr. Harris earned degrees from Jackson State, Alcorn State and Mississippi Industrial colleges. On May 31, 1972, he received his Doctorate of Divinity degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He also committed a decade of his life to education as principal of Hickory High School in Hickory, Mississippi. The school was later renamed, Harris Middle School in his honor.

In 1959, the greater call on his life to minister the Word of God intensified. He pastored churches in several cities including Canton, Meridian, Kosciusko, Walnut Grove, Hickory and Carthage. It was in Carthage that he met his soul-mate, Estella Clayton and to their union, five children were born: Rose, Bernard, Joe, Allen and Yolanda.

Although he grew up in a time when schools were segregated, and African Americans were discouraged from reading, Dr. Harris found the courage to take the path less traveled. During his lifetime, he tutored children in his home, raised funds to send aspiring teens and adults to college and spoke out against the enemies of racism, hate and economic injustice. He ordained countless pastors into ministry and today, many remember him as their mentor.

In his farewell speech at Hickory High School, Dr. Harris shared:

“I have devoted my best talents and abilities toward the growth and development of the kind of institution I wanted for my own children and for the children of this community. I have had only two objectives in mind, the one is to raise the educational standard of all people to the extent that they would respect and appreciate themselves and their surrounding; and two, to work for good human relations with all the citizens of our school community. For it is in my humble opinion that education and good human relations are most essential...”

Dr. Harris pastored New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church until his death, February 7, 1993. We salute the life and legacy of Dr. Roby Bernard Harris Sr. His passion for life and education will forever live in our hearts!

Yolanda Harris

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

(Applicants must meet all of the requirements to meet eligibility requirements)

The scholarship applicant:

- A. Must be a member of New Bethel MB Church in Good Standing
- B. Must be a prospective High School Graduate in the year of application
- C. Must use funds for Undergraduate Studies
- D. Acceptance by a University or College
- E. Must be a full-time Student and present documentation of registration as a full-time student
- F. Completion of scholarship application in its entirety. **Incomplete or late application will not be considered.**

PROCEDURES/POLICIES

1. A committee will evaluate each applicant based on a set of criteria adopted by the committee.
2. Designated points are given for Education Background, Church/Youth Dept participation, Neatly Submitted Application and the content of the essay.
3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place applicants will be selected based upon a summative score given.
4. The names of the Scholarship recipients will be announced on 3rd Sunday in May to honor graduates.
5. Scholarships will be awarded providing **the students maintain the original eligibility criteria.**
6. Essays must be typed and submitted by the deadline along with the “**All about Me**” form. Essay should not include applicant’s name nor family member names. Full name will be written on the back of the essay and name should not be written or typed on the page of essay.
7. Essay, “All About Me” form and 2 letters of recommendation to be emailed to newbethelyouth36@yahoo.com /Fax will not be excepted
8. Scholarship checks will be awarded the 3rd Sunday in August & 3rd Sunday in January; documentation (college acceptance letter, college fall/spring schedule) should be provided by the 1st Sunday August and 1st Sunday January. Please email to Newbethelyouth36@yahoo.com

Application Process:

- Receive application from the NB Youth Department/Education Division
- Complete “**All about Me**” form, typed 2-page Essay and 2 Letters of Recommendation to be submitted to designated person prior to deadline/Email to newbethelyouth36@yahoo

- **Essay should be:**
 - **Topic: Psalms 150:1-6 tells us how we should praise the Lord. How can Youth praise God and experience God's presence in Worship, today? Name should not be written on page with essay.**
 - **2– pages (full pages) double-spaced typed**
 - **Narrative Essay that is clear, articulate and logically organized**
 - **Conclusion that wraps up your ideas.**

****Scholarships must be used within 12 months of award date.**

“ALL ABOUT ME”

Name: _____

SCHOOL

High School attended: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

College/University you plan to attend: _____

Please answer all questions (if questions are not answered, application will be considered incomplete. You may use N/A if you did not participate at that time.)

CHURCH

1. Attend Kingdom Prep
 - a. 10th grade N/A
 - b. 11th grade _____
 - c. 12th grade _____

2. Attend Youth Bible Study
 - a. 10th grade N/A
 - b. 11th grade N/A
 - c. 12th grade N/A

3. Member of Youth Choir
 - a. 10th grade _____
 - b. 11th grade _____
 - c. 12th grade _____

4. Member of the Hospitality Ministry
 - a. 10th grade N/A
 - b. 11th grade N/A
 - c. 12th grade _____

5. Participation in 3rd Sunday Worship (Youth Sunday)
Announcements _____
Responsive Reading _____
Prayer and Sick Report _____
Devotion _____

6. Attend Youth Connect

List your Teacher's Name: _____

7. Did you participate in NB's Service project this year(2024)? Yes or No

If so, please tell us about the project.

If you were a part of any other service project, please provide date, location, and organization. Provide Service project form and hours.

8. Do you believe it is important to give back to your community and church? Why or Why not?

9. Please read "A Legacy of Hope", the bio of Dr. RB Harris. What do you believe is the message that Dr. Harris promoted (his vision)?

10 Provide 2 Letters of Recommendation(from any of the following):

___ from High School Teacher

___ from Youth Dept where you have served (i.e. youth connect teacher, hospitality ministry, Youth Choir Director/Musician, Kingdom Prep teacher)

___ from Supervisor (employer)