



## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Completed application packets must be **postmarked** by **January 24, 2020**  
Send to: Tennessee WMU Scholarships P.O. Box 682789, Franklin, TN 37068

### Requirements:

- All applicants must be an active member of a participating Southern Baptist church and have Tennessee ties.
- All applicants must be full-time students or taking the equivalent of 12 credit hours per semester.
- All applicants must submit the latest available **OFFICIAL** transcript with grade scale and name printed on the transcript.

### References:

All applicants must submit references from the following individuals:

1. Pastor\* (reference form provided)
2. Church WMU Director\* (reference form provided)
3. School faculty letter of recommendation from a college or graduate school faculty member in whose class you have been a student. Recommendation must be from the school you currently attend or most recently attended.
4. Letter of recommendation from someone who can comment on your current (past 12 months) missions involvement

\* If your church does not have a pastor or WMU director or if the pastor or WMU director is a relative, a substitution **must** be made. **BEFORE** making substitutions contact Vickie Clemons at [vclemons@tnbaptist.org](mailto:vclemons@tnbaptist.org) or call 1.800.558.2090. **Please note unauthorized substitutions will result in an incomplete application.** For all substitutions, please indicate reason; i.e. "My father is the pastor;" "We do not have a WMU Director;" etc.

\*If you are a current graduate student and attending a church other than your home (Tennessee) church, two (2) of your church references **MUST** be from the church you attend while in graduate school and one (1) from your home church.

### Instructions:

- All applicants must return one (1) unstapled copy of the **complete** application packet to Tennessee WMU.
- A complete application packet must include the following:
  - Application Form
  - Financial Information Form
  - Student Essay Questions
  - Required References in Sealed Envelopes
  - Official transcripts
  - Application Packet Checklist

### Essay Questions:

All applicants must submit an essay answering the following questions with their application packet.

- Share your personal testimony. Please include who you were before knowing Christ, when you repented and trusted in Christ, and how your life has changed after knowing Christ.
- What are you currently learning from God's Word?
- Describe, in detail, the most recent time you shared the gospel. Please include scripture references used.
- Describe your current (within the past year) missions and ministry involvement. List dates and types of involvement (volunteer, leadership role, mission trip, church ministry, etc.)
- Describe how your current involvement in missions education organizations (such as GA's or Acteens), missions or other ministries has strengthened your walk with Christ.
- Describe your career goals. Are you committed to pursuing a ministry or missions career? If so, what type: International, North American, professional WMU, etc.

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*Tennessee WMU Scholarships are funded through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions and earnings received from various endowments.*



## TENNESSEE WMU SCHOLARSHIP PACKET CHECKLIST GRADUATE APPLICATION

1. All applicants must return one (1) unstapled copy of the **COMPLETE** application packet.
2. Complete application packets must be postmarked by **January 24, 2020**.
3. **Incomplete and/or late application packets will NOT be considered.**

Please use this checklist to confirm all items are included in your packet before mailing.  
Check off each item, sign below, and include completed checklist with application packet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Essay Questions

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial Information Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Most Recent Official Transcript

Please note if school will be forwarding official transcript or any other issues regarding transcripts.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Reference Form

\_\_\_\_\_ WMU Director Form

\_\_\_\_\_ School Faculty Reference Letter

\_\_\_\_\_ Reference letter speaking to your current mission involvement

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
**GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- Type or print in black ink.
- Complete application packet must be postmarked by January 24, 2020.

Have you ever been awarded a Tennessee WMU Scholarship? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, which year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

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**II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**High School:**

School Name	Location	Date of Graduation	GPA
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High school honors, leadership positions, offices held: \_\_\_\_\_

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**College:**

Name	Address	Date of Graduation	GPA
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College honors, leadership positions, offices held \_\_\_\_\_

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**Graduate School:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address	Date of Graduation (projected)	GPA
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What are your academic and career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND/ MISSIONS EXPERIENCE**

Are you an active member of a Southern Baptist Church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City

Church Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List current missions or other church activities you are involved in: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List the number of years you have been involved in any of the following organizations:

Women on Mission \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Collegiate Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Youth on Mission \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults on Mission \_\_\_\_\_ Acteens/Challengers \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Ministry \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. TENNESSEE BAPTIST TIES**

Are you a Tennessee native? \_\_\_\_\_  
City

How long have/did you live in Tennessee? \_\_\_\_\_

How long were you a member of a Tennessee Baptist church? \_\_\_\_\_  
Church name

List church activities you were involved in while serving as a member of a Tennessee Baptist church.

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\_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please indicate all financial resources you expect receiving this year to help meet anticipated school expenses. The table below is for **ANNUAL** expenses and credits. Please indicate total, annual amounts in the table and try to account for all anticipated expenses.

Anticipated TOTAL, annual school expenses (tuition, books, housing, meals, supplies):	\$
Work Study, please describe:	
Your annual income:	
Loan(s) What type?	
Parental Support (includes grandparents, child support, etc.):	
College Savings (Total amount \$_____) Indicate amount anticipated for this year:	
Other Scholarships (academic, sports, corporate/business, church):	
Tennessee Lottery Scholarship:	
Other? Please Describe:	

1. Currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Full or part-time? \_\_\_\_\_ During the school year or summer? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Occupation and Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you dependent on your parents? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **If no, continue to question 8.**

4. Father's occupation and employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mother's occupation and employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. List all children and ages, who are dependent on your parents (excluding yourself).

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Is anyone else in your family currently attending college? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

8. If married, complete the following:

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's occupation and employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's approximate annual income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent children names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_



**TENNESSEE WMU SCHOLARSHIP CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM  
PASTOR \***

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for a Tennessee WMU Scholarship. Please rate the student in the following areas, place reference form in a sealed envelope, and **RETURN TO APPLICANT**.

Rate on a scale of 1 – 5 with 1 being lowest and 5 being the highest score. Comment in the space provided. Please use an additional sheet if necessary. **Both ratings and comments are required.** If there is anything else about this student that will help the committee make a fair evaluation of their merit to receive a scholarship from Tennessee WMU, please write on the back or include a separate sheet.

<b>Leadership</b>  Rate _____	Comments:
<b>Mission Involvement</b>  Rate _____	Comments:
<b>Church Involvement</b>  Rate _____	Comments:
<b>Christian Witness/Example</b>  Rate _____	Comments:

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND RETURN TO APPLICANT**

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Table with 2 columns: Category (Leadership, Mission Involvement, Church Involvement, Christian Witness/Example) and Comments. Each row includes a 'Rate' field.

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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