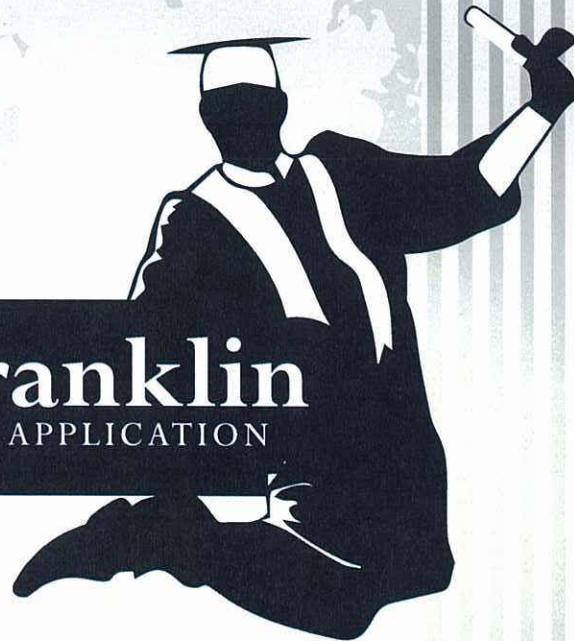




St. James Missionary Baptist Church
3417 East MLK Blvd., Austin, TX 78721



E.M. Franklin

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*"Nothing can dim the light
which shines from within."*

- Maya Angelou





As your Pastor, I want to encourage each of you to reach for the sky! Academic perseverance is the monumental step towards achieving your goals and dreams. Now, you are closer to realizing success in ways that you would have never imagined. Thank God for the many people paving the way for you to be at this place in your life.

There comes a time in our lives when we must pursue our purpose. Education moves us and grows us to that direction. It is vital in this world to have an education to sustain our quality of life and prepare a stable environment for our future. It shows a sign of achievement not only in scholarships, but also in the areas of leadership, service, and character.

As stated in Proverbs 16:4 - "Always commit your actions to the Lord and your plans will succeed."

I want each of you to know, I am very proud of your accomplishments, and wish you the very best.

Yours in the Sacred Struggle,

Dr. B.W. McClendon

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E. M. Franklin Scholarship Program

In December 1993, St. James Baptist Church established a scholarship program in honor and memory of the late Rev. E. M. Franklin. The E. M. Franklin Scholarship Program was developed and perfected by the late Sister Delores Thomas, who ensured that each senior had an opportunity to excel academically. The vision of this dedicated worker stills lives on. She passed away in 2009.

This program awards scholarships to **qualifying high school students** who are members of St. James Baptist Church.

INTENT OF PROGRAM

These scholarships awarded are for the intent of encouraging students at St. James to further their education. As long as funding is available, scholarships will be awarded in three categories: **Exemplary, Outstanding and High**. Students must be eligible for consideration.

ELIGIBILITY

An application package is complete and eligible for consideration only when the following items are received by the deadline:

- 1) This application
- 2) Be an active member of St. James Baptist Church
- 3) Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA at the time of submission
- 4) Be accepted to an accredited college, university or technical school
- 5) Submit a certified high school transcript including the most recently concluded semester/trimester
- 6) Provide 3 letters of recommendation: **a.)** one, from a Member of St. James, which reflects your church involvement **b.)** one, from a representative from your school (Principal, Teacher, Counselor, etc.), which reflects your academic achievements/potential **c.)** one that is an unbiased personal reference (non-immediate family member)
- 7) Be a full time student (part time is acceptable with proof of employment) and provide proof of admission and enrollment in order to receive payment
- 8) A personal statement, in an essay format, indicating your response to the following question:
In what ways do you plan to engage in Christian commitment, academic excellence, and leadership/service as you complete your academic endeavors?
Note: Essays are limited to 500 words; must be typed, double-spaced; at least 12pt Font Size; and in Arial or Times New Roman Font
- 9) Student photo (digital)

The awarding of any scholarships by the St. James Scholarship Committee is contingent upon the student fulfilling all of the above requirements in addition to completing the Distribution Agreement Form prior to the award disbursement.

Employment Continued:

Organization/Company	Phone Number	Start Date	End Date	Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Academic Honors and Achievement: _____

Extracurricular Achievements and Affiliations: _____

Church Involvement: _____

Hobbies, Talents or Interests (Not listed above) _____



APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

Applicant Full Name (Last, First and Middle)

Parent/ Guardian Full Name (Last, First and Middle)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Alternative Phone Number

I certify that the information on my scholarship application is correct.

Student Signature: _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____

This signed page can also be submitted by the following:

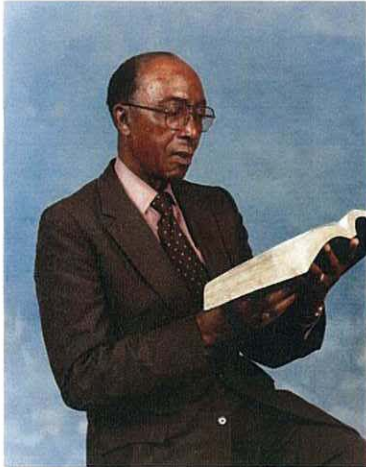
Option 1: scholarships@stjamescmbc.org

Option 2: 2nd Floor, Room 229

Option 3: Mail To:

**St. James Missionary Baptist Church
3417 East Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 229 (Attn: **St. James Scholarship Committee**)
Austin, Texas 78721**

Option 4: Church Office (1st Floor)



Reflections of a man.....

Rev. E. M. Franklin, Sr. the fifth pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church. His dedication to Kingdom Building motivated him in 1968 to relocate to 1812 Redwood Avenue when an influx of young people began attending. His passion for youth, however, began at home with his seven children, whom he loved dearly and supported their educational endeavors. He encouraged all young people to further their education and to use their gifts to the glory of God.

He, himself, also sought to empower his own ministry of the Word by studying and receiving a Bachelor of Theology degree from the Institutional Baptist Theological Center in Houston, Texas and at Samuel Huston College in Austin.

In 1986 with the ministry continuing to flourish, a new edifice was erected next door to the first building and was named Franklin Chapel in his honor. Rev. Franklin departed this life on December 20, 1992. To keep his legacy alive, shortly after his death, the street was renamed from Redwood Avenue to E.M. Franklin Avenue.

Additionally, St. James established and paid in full a \$25,000.00 Endowed Scholarship at Huston-Tillotson College (now University) for the purpose of supporting young ministers in continuing their education. Known as the Preacher with a heart of gold, our lives were greatly enriched through Rev. Franklin's ministry at St. James. His memory lives on even today as we, particularly, reflect on his favorite words, "It's just nice to be nice."