



Deacon R.B. Cole Scholarship Guidelines

The Penny Hardaway Memphis District Golf Classic is dedicated to helping youth in the communities of Memphis, TN succeed. We believe that every child can and will learn with the proper educational resources and support. The Deacon R.B. Cole Scholarship is awarded by the Memphis District Laymen, an auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. since 1936. Throughout the years, the Laymen have spearheaded many programs that make a difference in the lives of Mid-South youth. Each year, the Penny Hardaway Memphis District Golf Classic is held to raise funds for youth athletic programs and scholarships. You can learn more about the Penny Hardaway Memphis District Golf Classic at www.memphisdistrictgolfclassic.org.

2023 is the second year the Deacon R.B. Cole Scholarship will be awarded. Two deserving students will receive an award of \$5,000 each. The honor will be announced publicly on September 7th of 2023 during the golf tournament reception. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the students upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.**

Criteria and eligibility:

1. Applicant or their parent(s) or guardian must be a member of a participating church of the Memphis District Association.
2. Applicant must attend high school or a two-year college, four-year college, or trade school.
3. If in high school, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
4. Applicant must have at least a **3.0 grade point average**. (If you cannot provide your transcript, a copy of your last progress report/report card will be accepted. It must contain your overall GPA.)
5. Applicant must demonstrate leadership, community involvement, academic aptitude, and a desire to attend college.
6. Applicant must also write a one (1) page essay.
7. Applicant must present a letter of recommendation from the pastor of the Memphis District Association Church they and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) attend.
8. Applicant must be willing to participate in future activities with the Penny Hardaway Memphis District Golf Classic. Recipients are also required to attend the September reception when the scholarship is awarded.

The deadline for the application is **Friday, August 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m.** Applications received after that will not be considered.

Please mail or email your completed application and all required documents to:

admin@ewingmovingservice.com

Attention: Deacon R.B. Cole Scholarship
1814 S. Third St. Memphis, TN 38109

If you have any questions, contact (901) 774-2197

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Scholarship Application 2023

Date of Application:

Please **type** or **print** your answers.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()	
4.	Date of Birth:	
5.	Are you related to any of the Committee Members? (Please circle) Yes No	
6.	Current High School or Current College/University:	Number of years attended:
7.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall</u> of 2023: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to funds being released to the college or university.	
8.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	
9.	Current Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript or report card is required.	
10.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	
14.	What Memphis District Associate church do you and/or your parent(s)/guardian hold membership?	
15.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?	

17.	List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school or college (if applicable):
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18.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
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You may put this information on another page and attach it, if preferred.

19.	<p>Personal Essay Please answer one the following questions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How I plan to positively impact the world? <i>(high school students only)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">How attending college has impacted my life? <i>(college students only)</i></p> <p>This essay must be at least 1 page, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.</p>
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20.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.

YES	NO	Letter to Scholarship Committee from the pastor. Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school or college transcript. Photocopies of your official transcript are <u>acceptable</u> .
YES	NO	Personal Essay. Must be at least 1-page, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Penny Hardaway Memphis District Golf Classic Deacon R.B. Cole Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the Deacon R.B. Cole Scholarship guidelines, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: _____ Date: _____

