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Scholarship Application

2024 - 2025

SPECIAL EXTENSION TO APPLY

**The Nellie Brooks
Scholarship Award**

APPLICATION FORM

To be awarded for Academic Year **2025-2026**

This application must be completed in its entirety and submitted with the packet.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL
(NAME) _____

ATTENDING COLLEGE (NAME) _____

COLLEGE APPLICANT'S YEAR IN SCHOOL (FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, SENIOR)

COLLEGE APPLICANT'S PROOF OF ACADEMIC STANDING (MINIMUM 2.0) _____

ATTACHMENTS:

EVIDENCE OF "ACCEPTANCE" FROM A COLLEGE. _____

LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM YOUR LOCAL SS SUPERINTENDENT. _____

LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM YOUR PASTOR. _____

ESSAY WRITTEN WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHERS _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: **SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

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MAIL TO:

THE NELLIE BROOKS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
C/O MONIQUE SHAW

QUESTIONS??? CALL: **413-783-8194** EMAIL: moniqueShaw064@gmail.com

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NELLIE BROOKS SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES / REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES / APPLICANTS

- must be members of their local Sunday School for a minimum of one year prior to application.
- must be faithful members of their local church and in good standing.
- must be High School graduates with the evidence of acceptance to an accredited college or Aeon Bible College.
- An applicant may also be a current college student with a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

INELIGIBLE candidates

- pursuing Masters or other advanced degrees or certification

If you meet the above requirements, please complete the following steps. Please note that only complete applications will be considered for the award. All applications must include the following:

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Completion of the attached application form. (Do not omit any information)
2. Evidence of "Acceptance" from a college.
3. A letter of recommendation from your local Sunday School Superintendent.
4. A letter of recommendation from your Pastor.
5. An essay written without the assistance of others.

2025 Theme: That Christ Be Formed In You

EXPOUND on what these scriptures mean to you as you prepare for your **"vocation"**

Scriptural Reference: **2 Corinthians 5:17**, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

Scriptural Reference: **Ephesians 4:23-24** **23** *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;* **24** *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness*

- How will you exemplify God, make him real in yours and others' lives on campus, whether you reside on campus or are a commuter?
- Opportunities and situations will be presented to you as a student, how will you exemplify and glorify God?

Focus: High School Graduates

As a high school graduate, expound on how you can fulfill the scripture, on campus, among peers and professors, and through your chosen field of study. *Scriptural references should reflect a correlation "linking" to the topic and essay context.*

1. *Format should reflect basic grammatical structure, appropriate spacing, font, indentations and headings.*

Focus: College Students

As a college student, expound how you have fulfilled the scripture and will prepare yourself for the next level. How will you manifest, demonstrate, "fulfill" the scripture (while enrolled, on a job, doing graduate work etc.)?

1. *Scriptural references should reflect a correlation "linking" to the topic and essay context, higher order thinking, the ability to be fluid in your thoughts, and should reflect an understanding of the breadth and depth of all scriptural references.*
2. *Scriptural references should reflect proper citations (APA format) or citations page. Visit the following website for APA Style: <http://www.professays.com/essay/apa-essay-format>*
3. *Format should reflect basic grammatical structure, appropriate spacing, font, indentations and headings.*

All applications must be **POSTMARKED no later than **SEPT 19, 2005** to be considered. Mail all completed applications to:**

The Nellie Brooks Scholarship Committee
c/o MONIQUE SHAW EMAIL: moniqueShaw064@gmail.com
413-783-8194

Connecticut District Council Christian Education Auxiliary

Superintendent: Sister Marjorie Coble

NELLIE BROOKS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY 2025-2026

RUBRIC

This RUBRIC has been prepared to assist you in the composition of your essay. Your essay submission will be scored by this criteria.

* **Content** – This is the “*breath*” and “*depth*” or the **substance** of your essay. The evaluators will be looking for evidence of alignment with the **THEME** and **SCRIPTURE(S)**. Keep your focus narrow and personal.

25 Points

* **Structure – 750 words.** Comply to the defined word limit. If using *Word*, use Word Count under Tools on the toolbar. **Paragraph-** format can be block or traditional paragraph.

20 Points

* **Grammar** - Use good grammar skills: inclusive of capitalization, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling. If using *Word*, use spell check and grammar check.

20 Points

* **Presentation** - Submissions should preferably be typewritten and double-spaced. Pay attention to spacing, margins, and be consistent in the font used (standard essay uses Times Romans, 12 pt.).

15 Points

* **Scriptural References** – We have provided the Scriptural Reference(s) and Essential Question-Prompt. Scriptures included in your essay must align with the Scriptural Reference provided.

20 Points

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NELLIE BROOKS SCHOLARSHIP 2025-2026
HELPFUL HINTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ESSAY

TIMELINE

- Meet the submission **DEADLINE**: **SEPT 19, 2005** **SPECIAL EXTENSION TO APPLY**
- Have your essay completed within 3 weeks of submission. This allows time for “*peer review*” (a spiritual friend, prayer partner), “*expert review*” (perhaps an educator, guidance counselor), “*spiritual review*” (perhaps, your Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent).
- **RECOMMENDATION**: Submit (mail) **FINAL COPY** of essay to Chairperson one week **BEFORE** due date.
- **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.**

CONTENT

- **750 WORD MAXIMUM**
- Use the key scripture(s) as the foundation for your essay
- Research and embed supporting scriptures.
- Align all additional scriptures with the reference scripture(s).

GRAMMAR /MECHANICS

- Each paragraph should be based on one thought (a well-developed topic sentence with several supporting sentences).
- Your writing should be fluid, allowing the evaluator to read and follow with clarity and ease.
- **Have at least two people proof-read your essay before finalizing it.** Ask them to “look” for grammatical/mechanical errors and ask if it was free flowing (easy to follow the thoughts).

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- When possible, quote entire scripture.
- Adhere to grammar rules when quoting scripture.
- Cite where the scripture can be found.
- When quoting a scripture, ensure it is “aligned” with your thought and theme.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills
- <http://custom-writing.org/blog/writing-tips/free-essay-writing-tips/118.html>
- <http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/scholarships-for-minorities.html>

CDCCEA
Nellie Brooks Scholarship Committee Members
2025-2026

Sis. Monique Shaw-Chair Mail application to this address

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|---------------|---|
| JUL 20 | Read through application – note any questions, etc.; begin research |
| JUL 20 | Begin drafting essay; Peer review |
| AUG 15 | Expert Review; edit and finalize draft of essay; |
| AUG 22 | Spiritual review; Proofread, make corrections, if necessary;
check all scriptural references |
| AUG 29 | Finalize essay |
| SEPT 8 | Mail essay to Committee Chairperson |

**SEPTEMBER 19 2025 DEADLINE! Sis. Monique Shaw must have it in her INBOX by
11:59 PM**