

**New Testament Church of Milwaukee**  
**Education Scholarship Ministry**  
**“Joe L. Kennedy, Sr. and Annie B. Kennedy”**  
**Student of the Year Scholarship Application**

The New Testament Church Education Scholarship Ministry was founded to promote and encourage excellence in education and to rely heavily on the wisdom of God (Proverbs 2:6). A Student of the Year Scholarship is given annually to at least one New Testament Church student to recognize and reward his/her academic excellence, ministry service, high school activity and community service. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the scholarship:

**Applicant Criteria**

The applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the spring semester of 2026.

The applicant, his or her parent(s), and/or guardian(s) must be members of New Testament Church.

The applicant must be actively involved in at least one New Testament Church ministry or another church ministry.

The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B average) on a 4.0 scale or better for the previous 7 semesters prior to graduation.

The applicant must submit all of the following materials:

- Student of the Year Application Forms
  - Personal Information Form (Page 2)
  - Extra-Curricular Activities Form (Pages 3 & 4)
- Letter of Recommendation/Testimonial (Addressed to New Testament Church Education Scholarship Ministry) from each of the following:
  - Ministry Service Leader
  - High School Activity Advisor
  - Community Service Facilitator
- 2-Page Scriptural Leadership Essay & Cover Sheet (Page 5)
- Official High School Transcript (**SEALED**)

A Student Applicant Rating Form is included (Page 6) so all students understand how the Education Scholarship Ministry evaluates/ranks each applicant.

Please complete the application and upload the required documents on the New Testament Church website, [www.newtchurch.org](http://www.newtchurch.org). Once on the website, click on the Education Scholarship Ministry tab.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026.**

**Personal Information Form (Please Type or Print Legibly)**

**Full Name**

Last	First	M.I.

**Home Address**

Street Address	Apt/Unit #	
City	State	Zip

**Home Telephone Number**

**Cell Phone Number**

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**E-Mail Address**

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**Name of Current High School**

**Date of Graduation (MM/DD/YYYY)**

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**Are you a member of New Testament Church of Milwaukee?**

Yes                       No

**Are your parents/guardians members of New Testament Church of Milwaukee?**

Yes                       No

**Please provide the names of your parents/guardians.**

Last	First	M.I.
Last	First	M.I.

In consideration of my academic record and the facts set forth in this application, I hereby make an application for the New Testament Church of Milwaukee Education Scholarship Ministry **“Joe L. and Ann B. Kennedy” Student of the Year Scholarship**. I verify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given is complete and accurate.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## Extra-Curricular Activities Form (Please Type or Print Legibly)

Please provide information about your extra-curricular activities on both pages of this form. Additionally, please provide us with the names of three references in the spaces allocated below and include a letter of recommendation from each as a testimony to your ministry service, high school activity and community service. Please note that ministry service does not necessarily have to be at New Testament Church.

**Ministry Service Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Activity Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service Facilitator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you regularly attend Sunday school? Yes**  **No**

Ministry Name	Please describe your role as a participant.	Dates of Service (month/year)
(Ex.) Youth Ministry	“I served as a Chosen Generation Youth Leader. My responsibilities were to welcome new young people by helping them to feel a part of our ministry and to coordinate special youth events, read scripture passages and pray at our youth meetings.”	09/2013 – 05/2017
Community Organization	Please describe your role as a participant.	Total Hours of Service (5, 10, 38, 40, etc.)
(Ex.) Milwaukee Rescue Mission	“Meal Server and Music Performer. My church youth group peers and I have served meals and provided kitchen cleanup help on a regular basis. I also played my violin during the men’s church service with my family.”	20



## Scriptural Leadership Essay Topic and Guidelines

When you go to college, your days will be filled with classes, studying, hanging out with like-minded friends, and participating in student activities. Your life as a college student will be quite busy!

One of the goals at New Testament Church of Milwaukee during 2026 is “Glorifying God at All Times and in All Things.”

After meditating on 1Corinthians 10:23 and taking into consideration the teachings at New Testament Church, write an essay with a focus on the following question:

- How will you glorify God at All times and in All things, whether on campus or in the community?

**Note: You may include any additional scriptures to support your answer.**

### Guidelines and Criteria

The guidelines and criteria listed below will be used to evaluate your essay.

- Demonstrated understanding of the Bible verses and essay topic listed in essay prompt
- 2-pages typed
- APA-format (1” margins, 12-point font, double-spaced, and proper documentation of citations)
- Well-organized essay
- Mechanics of the essay (i.e. capitalization, grammar, spelling, and punctuation)
- Inclusion of scriptural references and citations
- Cover Sheet - Please include your name on your Leadership Essay “Cover Sheet” ONLY!

**Graduate Recognition Ceremony Essay Reading: The “Joe L. Kennedy, Sr. and Annie L. Kennedy” Student of the Year Scholarship award recipient(s) will be asked to read his or her essay(s) in the sanctuary during the Graduate Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, June 28, 2026. We encourage all applicants to practice reading their essay. Participation in the ceremony is required unless there is a legitimate excuse (such as required attendance at a pre-college summer program) that is accepted by the New Testament Church Education Scholarship Committee.**

## Student Applicant Rating Form

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Applicant #: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Maximum Score
Ministry Service	30 points
Scriptural Leadership Essay	20 points
Grade Point Average up to (3.0 – 3.4 = 5 points) (3.4 – 3.9 = 10 points) (4.0 – over = 15 points) <b>* 5 bonus points for 2 -5 AP classes</b>	15 points
Letters of Recommendation (5 points maximum per letter)	15 points
Community Service	10 points
High School Activity	10 points
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100/105 points</b>