**FBC Kennedy Scholarship Requirements**

**2025-2026**

1. Must be a member of FBC who has actively participated in church programs.
2. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA or have a 3.0 GPA graduating from high school.
3. Must be accepted into an accredited college/university or other institute of higher learning and must be enrolled in a degree granting program.
4. Must be a full-time student.
5. Applicant must be HOPE Scholarship eligible except for the GA residency requirement.
6. First time applicants must have a completed reference form submitted by June 30, 2023.
7. All applicants should submit essay and grades by June 30, 2025. To be considered an official transcript it must be in the original, sealed envelope or an e-transcript must be emailed from the school to JMiller@fbcaugusta.org.
8. Application must be completed and submitted to the committee by **June 30, 2025.**

**Any questions, please call Jeff Miller at 706-733-2236 or email at JMiller@fbcaugusta.org.**

**First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia**

**Judge F. Frederick Kennedy, Jr. Scholarship Fund**

**Application Deadline: June 30, 2025**

**Please note: this scholarship is only available for students who have joined First Baptist either by baptism, transfer of church letter or by statement. This is not the same as being a member of Sunday School.**

Date: Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: Middle Initial: First Name:

To be completed by the applicant: (Typed or Printed with Black Ink)

1. Home Address:

2. Home Telephone Number:

3. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name:

1. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Telephone Number(s):
2. Your E-Mail Address (where you can be reached):
3. If you are living at an address different than above during the school year, please include that address and telephone number.

1. What institute of higher learning are you planning to attend?

8. Have you been accepted? Yes No

1. What is your proposed field of study?
2. First time applicants only: List the awards, certificates of achievement, special recognitions that you have received during high school.

1. First time applicants only: List those programs and activities that you participated in at First Baptist Church during your high school and/or college years. Please specify years/dates.

1. All applicants: List your extracurricular activities, community involvement, and other out-of-school activities that you participated in during the last two years.

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1. Are you eligible for Hope Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Have an official transcript of your last year’s grades sent directly to the Scholarship committee of First Baptist Church. (3500 Walton Way; Augusta, GA 30909.) It is the student’s responsibility to have the transcript submitted to the Scholarship Committee by the deadline. If the transcript is not in the student’s folder when the committee meets they will not grant a scholarship.

15. For first time applicants only: Have one letter of recommendation sent directly to the Scholarship Committee of First Baptist Church. Use the Personal Reference Form prepared by the Scholarship Committee. This form must be submitted by a member of First Baptist Church of Augusta. It is the student’s responsibility to have the letter submitted to the Scholarship Committee by the deadline. If the letter is not in the student’s folder when the committee meets, they will not grant a scholarship.

16. All applicants must submit an essay of 2-3 pages. Select one of the topics listed below. The essay must be an original copy, type written, and double spaced.

* Read Matthew 6:25-34. Share about a time when you had to trust and “seek” God during an uncertain time in your life.
* 1 Corinthians 12:27 says, “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” What does it mean for you to be a part of the body of Christ? How does being a part of the body of Christ influence your life?
* Option for first time applicants only: Describe a significant experience that has been instrumental in your development as a Christian.

If awarded a Kennedy Scholarship, I understand that:

* Checks will be made to the institution of higher learning and not to the individual. You will need to provide an address for the appropriate office.
* You will need to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA and provide the church proof of grades at the end Fall Semester.
* You will need to re-apply each year for the scholarship and meet eligibility requirements.
* You must maintain full-time status and provide a copy of the Spring semester schedule.
* You must visit three different worship services during the Fall semester and write a one-page reflection paper about each experience—how you were impacted by these worship experiences. These will be shared with the student pastor. These will need to be submitted to the committee no later than November 30 via email to jmiller@fbcaugusta.org.

By signing below, you are indicating that you have completed this application accurately and understand and agree to all expectations.

17. Signature: (student)

Submission of this application form grants permission for the Scholarship and Education Committee of First Baptist Church of Augusta, GA to publish the names of all scholarship winners in the Interpreter of First Baptist Church.

**First Baptist Church**

**Judge F. Frederick Kennedy, Jr. Scholarship—First Time Applicant Only**

**3500 Walton Way**

**Augusta, Georgia 30909**

**Personal Reference Form—may not be a family member**

**(Member of First Baptist Church of Augusta)**

Name of applicant:

Address:

The above named individual has submitted an application for a Kennedy Scholarship through the Scholarship and Education Committee at First Baptist Church Augusta. Please complete the form and return it directly to the Scholarship and Education Committee, First Baptist Church of Augusta, 3500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30909. Application deadline is June 30, 2025. This form may be scanned and emailed to jmiller@fbcaugusta.org.

1. Indicate in what capacity and how long you have known the applicant.
2. Indicate your direct knowledge of the applicant’s participation in the Youth Department at First Baptist Church of Augusta and/or in the programs sponsored by First Baptist Church.
3. Indicate your direct knowledge of the applicant’s participation in religious and/or community organizations and programs other than those sponsored by or provided by First Baptist Church.
4. Provide examples, observations, or comments that describe the applicant’s Christian character. (Attach additional pages if necessary, but limit your response to 2 additional pages.

 Name: (printed)

 Signature:

 Address:

 Date: