

**DEBORAH'S WOMEN IN MINISTRY, INC.  
OF GREATER HAMPTON ROADS**

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*Clergywomen Support Group Following Deborah's Lead...*



March 31, 2023

Dear Graduating Senior:

The members of Deborah's Women In Ministry, Inc. of Greater Hampton Roads are pleased to announce the 2023 Scholarship Essay Contest. We appreciate your interest and hope that you will find the exploration of our chosen topic to be thought-provoking and rewarding.

Deborah's Women In Ministry's purpose is to provide faith-based programs for women in ministry, community outreach, and empowerment training through mentoring and educational advancement for at-risk and moderate-income individuals.

We welcome the opportunity to serve our community by giving back to those persons who will hopefully return to the area, becoming leaders and outstanding citizens of Hampton Roads.

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the students selected by our Scholarship committee in December 2023. Each of the five criteria must be met before the application is considered for review. I hope you will review the attached materials and choose to participate in this contest. The awarding of this year's scholarships will be based in part upon essays and in part by other factors such as financial need, grades, school activities, and extracurricular activities. The field of education that you select has no bearing on the selection of the winners of the scholarships being offered. As indicated on the Scholarship Application, please e-mail the completed application forms and requested information to Minister Patrice R. Smallwood as noted in *Item 6* of the packet.

If you have further questions and concerns, you may contact Minister Patrice R. Smallwood at [pasm0730@gmail.com](mailto:pasm0730@gmail.com) or by phone at 757-237-8668. The enclosed scholarship application may be reproduced or may be downloaded at [www.dwimofhamptonroads.org](http://www.dwimofhamptonroads.org)

Recipient will be notified by letter.

With best regards,

*Madelene F. Beard*

Dr. Madelene F. Beard  
President and CEO

-We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization. -

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**2023 Scholarship Application**

**Criteria**

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior from an accredited High School.
2. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. The applicant must be a student who plans to pursue an education at a community college, vocational school, or a 4-year institution.
4. The applicant must document a financial need (any information the applicant chooses to submit that would support his/her claim, if any of a financial need).
5. You may use the FASFA form that can be found at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or your application for financial assistance you submitted with your college application.

**Guidelines for Submission**

1. The applicant must submit an official most recent high school transcript.
2. The applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a community leader, coach, school counselor, or teacher. Relatives of applicants *may not* submit a letter of recommendation.
3. A completed, typed essay (font -Times New Roman; Size 12; double spaced; 300-500 words) on "When you are looking through your lens of hope, describe an obstacle or challenge that you have experienced in the past 3 years. Then, explain how you overcame it." See page three of the application.
4. The Scholarship committee will review all applications and recommendations will be considered and voted upon by Deborah's Women In Ministry of Greater Hampton Roads, Inc.
5. The recipient will receive the scholarship after the committee has received verification from the college or university registrar's office validating that the student is enrolled as a full-time student.
6. Completed application forms and requested information must be e-mailed by July 31, 2023 to Minister Patrice R. Smallwood, [pasm0730@gmail.com](mailto:pasm0730@gmail.com)

**Incomplete Scholarship Packets Will Not Be Accepted**

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**Judges 4: 4-5**

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## 2023 Scholarship Application Form

| <b>Contact Information</b>  | <b>Please type in your answers.</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Name (Last, First, Middle)  |                                     |
| Street Address  |                                     |
| City, State Zip   |                                     |
| Home Phone  |                                     |
| Cell Phone  |                                     |
| Date of Birth   |                                     |
| School  |                                     |
| GPA   |                                     |
| Graduation Date   |                                     |
| Parent/Guardian Name  |                                     |
| Name of Community college, Vocational school, or 4-year institution |                                     |
| Major   |                                     |
| Number of siblings residing in the home                             |                                     |
| How did you hear about this scholarship?                            | <b>Please Specify</b>               |

**\*\*\*Note: Incomplete or Late Scholarship Packets will not be accepted\*\*\***



**1. List school related activities in which you have participated and include leadership positions you were selected to as a participant.**

**2. List your church and other community activities.**

**3. List your honors and awards.**

**4. Please briefly state why you believe this scholarship award will help you reach your academic goals.**



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**Write an essay on the following in 300-500 words:**

**When you are looking through your lens of hope, describe an obstacle or challenge that you have experienced in the past 3 years. Then, explain how you overcame it.**

*By typing your signature, you certify that all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.*

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian  
Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_