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Dear Laymen,

The Laymen's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. has set up scholarships for graduating high school senior young men. The Laymen have a goal to help seven young men start their educational endeavors by bestowing a scholarship to an accredited school of their choice immediately after graduation from high school. Although the number of scholarships is limited, every young man has an equal opportunity to compete and win if they meet the following criteria.

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of an NBC USA, Inc. Church currently registered in the convention.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior from an accredited high school with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
3. Applicant must complete and mail all of the following items and they must be postmarked by the deadline of 22 June 2022:
  - a. Completed Laymen Scholarship Application form
  - b. Letter of recommendation signed by their Pastor or in the absence of a Pastor their Church signed by the Chairman of the Deacon Board.
  - c. Each applicant must be sponsored by a Laymen currently registered with the National Baptist Laymen's Auxiliary and the sponsor must submit a Letter of recommendation for the applicant.
  - d. Each applicant must provide an essay on the topic provided below using the guidelines stated
  - e. Copy of High School transcript showing GPA and graduation if available.
4. The application review process this year is virtual. Once your package is received at, the address below the applicant will be notified of a scheduled time to meet the judges for their interview and oratorical presentation. Missing your scheduled time could mean disqualification.

5. Applicants must show a competitive nature to win and a Christ-like attitude to participate.
6. Applicants must submit a formal recent picture.

The Scholarship Committee is urging the Senior Laymen throughout the country to entice the Junior Laymen to participate in this endeavor. You cannot win if you do not enter. Remember all things are possible through Christ.

*I.V. Reeves Jr.*, President

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# NBC USA, Inc. Laymen's Auxiliary Scholarship Application

*Please Type or Print Legibly*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Laymen Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Registered \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church Registration \_\_\_\_\_

College or University Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a picture with the application.**

**Please return all forms to Laymen's Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 10724,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73140. Applications must be postmarked by June 22, 2022, for  
consideration.**

# Essay Requirements

- Topic: **Describe how you have integrated evangelism into your daily life.**
- Essay Requirements -title page, no abstract, go right into the essay; minimum of two pages (body); max is three, with a reference page. The Bible is to be considered as a reference.
- Margins – 1-inch (standard); 12-inch font; Times New Roman font.
- Alignment - Flush Left
- Running Head - not to exceed (50) characters, including punctuation and spacing; should include last name, the title of the essay.
- Page numbering - required.
- What should be listed on the title page: title, name, and church's city, state, and date.
- Text Citation – paraphrasing refer to author and year.
- Purdue online writing Lab to learn more.

## Title Page

The Title Page should contain the title of your paper, your name as its author, and indicate your church, city, state, and date.

## Body

The body of your essay begins on a new page, (page 2). The body is a minimum of two pages and a maximum of three pages. Avoid hyphenating words at the end of each line. Double-space

## Text Citation and References

Text Citations are important to avoid issues of plagiarism. When documenting source materials, the author/s and date/s of the sources should be cited within the body of the essay. The main principle is that all ideas and words of others should be properly and formally acknowledged and not plagiarized. Citations should not be quoted; rather the use of citations should be summarized.

The Reference Section lists all the sources you have previously cited in the body of your essay. Please utilize APA standards through this essay with citations and references. Utilize a minimum of two sources and a maximum of three sources.

**All essays will be scored on the aforementioned information.**

# Oratorical Presentation

Choose one of the three topics to present in the Oratorical presentation. The presentation must be a minimum of three minutes and no longer than five minutes.

You will be judged and timed by the interview panel.

- 1. How does your faith influence your choice of vocation?**
- 2. How do you overcome challenges as a Christian?**
- 3. Describe the characteristics of being a Christian.**

The interview panel will also judge the following:

- **Vocal Quality:** Conversational tone, powerful throughout, able to captivate the audience
- **Vocal Technique:** Clear articulation, clear pronunciation throughout the speech, ability to project voice without yelling.
- **Flow/Pacing:** Speech was fluid, engaging, effectively used pauses, and emphasized points
- **Body Language:** Looked comfortable, use of hands, facial, and body expressions naturally
- **Eye Contact:** Use of notes only as cues, sustained eye contact in all areas of the room and throughout the speech
- **Introduction/Main Idea (Thesis):** Clear preview or statement that transitioned easily into the speech.
- **Relevance to topic:** Supporting examples to enhance speech
- **Conclusion:** Speakers ability to complete thoughts, and end oratory

## **Laymen Scholarship Committee and Contact Number:**

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