

Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, Sr. Scholarship Fund

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The mission of the Dr. Walter S. Thomas Sr. Scholarship Fund (WSTSF) is to honor the legacy of Dr. Thomas through encouraging and investing in a graduating student from his alma mater, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, as well as other Baltimore area high school students, by providing annual college scholarships in order to assist in pursuing and succeeding in higher education.

Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, Sr. attended and graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1967. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland in Economics. He earned his Masters of Divinity degree from the Howard University School of Religion in Washington, D.C. and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Saint Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to his earned degrees, Bishop Thomas was bestowed with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary and Bethune-Cookman College.

Bishop Walter Scott Thomas, Sr. has served as the Pastor of the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore since 1975. Under his leadership, the church body has grown from 200 to more than 7,000 active members. On October 16, 2010, a vision was fulfilled as the New Psalmist family moved into their new edifice, a 4,000 seat state of the art facility designed to minister to the needs of individuals in the 21st century.

Established in 2015, which represented the 40th anniversary of Dr. Thomas as the Pastor of the New Psalmist Baptist Church of Baltimore City, this scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and another senior from another Baltimore City high school who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership qualities and in need of financial assistance to attend an institution of higher learning. The funds are to be used to solely for obtaining a college degree from such an institution.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be a graduating senior who has applied to an accredited college for their Bachelor of Arts or Science degree.
2. Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or above.
(Include a copy of your transcript)
3. Must demonstrate leadership qualities through service at school, church and/or community. *(Include letter from organization)*
4. Must demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship from their FAFSA application form. *(Included proof)*
5. Must submit a 300 word essay on *the role of the church in their life or the role of the church in today's society.*

The scholarship in the amount of \$1000 will be awarded annually to each student for four (4) years.

The student must maintain a 3.0 minimum cumulative grade average in college and will submit an official transcript following the end of the winter and spring semesters.

Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, Sr. and the WST Fund Board Members will make the final selection of the awardees.

Please submit your packet to Dorothy Reed, Secretary of the WSTSF, at dreed717@yahoo.com by March 31, 2023. For questions or additional information, you may also contact Ms. Reed at 410-274-8203.