

Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry
P.O. Box 82 Stokes, NC 27884
2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry is a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit that was started in 2016 with a mission to ENRICH, EMPOWER, and EDUCATE our youth by guiding them in the right direction in life through ministry, partnerships with local law enforcement, and the community. We are a ministry birthed out of St. John MBC Soul-Saving Center.

The Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry **will be awarding (2) \$500.00 founding scholarships to (2) graduating seniors from a public high school in either of the following counties in North Carolina: Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Greene, Lenoir, Edgecombe, Washington, or Beaufort Counties who meet the criteria listed below.**

You must meet the following criteria to be eligible for these founding scholarships:

1. Be a graduating senior from a public high school from one of the counties listed: **Pitt, Martin, Greene, Lenoir, Edgecombe, Washington, or Beaufort Counties** and must attend (or) be accepted at an accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution in pursuit of a degree within one year of high school graduation.
2. Submit an essay/personal statement that includes an overall synopsis of their leadership abilities, community service, career goals, aspirations and areas of interest. The statement must be a **maximum of two typewritten** pages double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman **or** Arial font, and each page set with 1 inch margins.
3. Submit two letters of recommendations. One each as indicated: **a.** School official or any person associated with a school program or activity **b.** Community leader, community activity sponsor, or church leader ((only 1 from section b) **Letters must be on official letterhead, typewritten, signed, and one placed in a sealed envelope.** Persons submitting references cannot be related to applicant by birth or marriage.
4. Submit a completed **TYPED** application. All Applicants are required to follow instructions carefully. **Incomplete or late applications WILL NOT be considered.**

Application and supporting materials must be **postmarked by April 22, 2026** to the following address:

Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry
Attention Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 82 Stokes, NC 27884

Recipients will be notified no later than **May 6, 2026**. Recipients will be expected to submit proof of enrollment in a college or university. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please email Brenda Ewen at ewen.brenda@gmail.com or eddie.godley@yahoo.com. Scholarship information is also available and can be downloaded via our website yipmnc.org. Thank you for your interest.

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Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry Scholarship
P.O. Box 82 Stokes, NC 27884
(Please TYPE)

Full Name: _____

Address line 1: _____

Address line 2: _____

City (State) Zip Code) _____

Telephone #: (h) _____ (c) _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Parent(s') email address (es): _____

High School: _____

County of Residence: _____

Graduation date: _____

Community Service: _____

Intended College: _____

Formally Accepted: _____

Intended Major: _____

Special Honors or Recognition (e.g., academic, church, community, sports) Please include any scholarship(s) awarded.

References – List two below

A. Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Address: _____

B. Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Address: _____

Please have your references submit a **typed** letter of recommendation for you. Each letter of recommendation should be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the applicant to be included in the application package.

A separate sheet with instructions for references is included.

All information provided in this package is correct to the best of my knowledge.

If I receive a scholarship award, I hereby give permission to Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry to utilize my name, photo and scholarship award in any publicity/marketing materials.

I hereby certify by signing this application that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winners will only be disbursed in a lump sum payment payable to the university/college identified by the scholarship recipient _____

Awards must be claimed within one year from date of award, or they will be forfeited. No exceptions.

The **Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry** will publicly announce and acknowledge scholarship awards at its event held annually in June.

I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that my child may receive.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN TO REFERENCES

Please have your references submit a **typed** letter of recommendation for you. These letters should be addressed to Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry and include:

- **Name and address of reference**
- **Relationship to applicant**
- **How long reference has known applicant**
- **Information regarding why applicant should receive the scholarship award**

The letter should be placed in a sealed envelope before returning to the applicant.

Failure to supply all information listed above will result in applicant receiving a **lower score**.

Essay/Personal Statement Criteria

The essay is an important part of the selection process. Essay must be **typed**, double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman **or** Arial font, 2 page maximum, one inch margin on all sides, **name typed in the upper right-hand corner of each page (header)**. In reviewing the essays, the judges will consider the following criteria in selecting winners:

- Creativity
- Correct use of grammar and punctuation
- Originality and quality of ideas presented
- Overall appearance of the essay
- Use of research or reference materials to support your essay ideas may be included, **but not required**.
- Inclusion of leadership information, community service, career goals, aspirations and areas of interest

YOUTH INCARCERATION PREVENTION MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CHECKLIST

This checklist is intended to be a friendly reminder. It does not override any instructions listed within the scholarship application. Please adhere to all detailed instructions contained within the application packet.

Take a few minutes to look over your application packet to ensure that you have included the following:

_____ **Typed application. Applicant's signature must be handwritten in cursive.**

_____ **Essay/Personal Statement (maximum of 2 typewritten pages double spaced)**

Inclusion of leadership information, community service, career goals, aspirations and areas of interest are included.

_____ **Submit two letters of recommendation.**

One each as indicated: **a.** School official or any person associated with a school program or activity
b. Community leader, community activity sponsor, or church leader (only 1 from section b) **Both letters must be on official letterhead, typewritten, signed and placed in a sealed envelope;** persons submitting references cannot be related to applicant by birth or marriage)

_____ **Leadership/Community Service Profile (List community service, leadership roles, and any special honors received.) Please include the years of participation in activities and leadership roles.**

Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.

Forward completed application to the following address:

**Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry
Attn: YIPM Scholarship Committee
PO Box 82
Stokes, NC 27884**

*** Application packets MUST be postmarked by Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

Be mindful your application packet will become the property of **Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry** selection committee and will not be returned. Compile and send all application information in one envelope. **Letters of recommendations and transcripts should be provided to the student in a sealed envelope.**