

**\*DUE: MAY 1, 2024**

# Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship Application & Guidelines

*Sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region (ABWMCR)*

**\* APPLY BY MAIL OR E-MAIL TO:**

**ABWMCR Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship, c/o Cindy Fritz 311 Maple St. Gypsum, KS 67448 or cindyfritz26@gmail.com**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a student membership, what is your home church? \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Seminary Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Applicant must attach a personal statement, used to prepare a pen sketch, which includes at least the following:**

- A. God's call on your life and how you believe He is leading you professionally.
- A. How you anticipate being able to use this profession for God's glory.
- B. Special talents, interests and/or hobbies.
- B. How you have served God in your church and community.
- C. Family members: parents, sibling(s), spouse, children. If married, give the name and occupation of your spouse, including birth and wedding anniversary dates. Give names and ages of any children and include birth date of each.
- D. Any immediate or special financial needs.

**\*Applicant must:**

- 1. Have enrolled and been accepted at least as a half-time student. (Half-time \$250/Full-time \$500 per semester.)
- 2. Maintain at least a "C" average for one year before applying for the scholarship is available only for (half-time/full-time students) sophomores, juniors, or seniors.
- 3. Attend and be active in an American Baptist Church of the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission.
- 1. Submit a 2" X 3" black and white, color, or digital photograph.
- 4. Be willing to relate to local AB Women's Ministries groups through correspondence, responding, giving news and acknowledging gifts, and be willing to share/speak at their programs when requested, as time allows.
- 5. Supply a reference letter from applicant's ABCCR pastor reflecting the applicant's passion for serving Christ and applicant's use of gifts in the local church and/or community - **DUE BY MAY 1, 2024.**

I, the applicant, agree to the above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Signature**

**Date**

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The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have a passion to serve the Lord in whatever way He leads and are active members of an American Baptist Church in the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission. Currently scholarships are \$500.00/semester for full-time students or \$250.00/semester for half-time students.

The Mary Gates Atkinson scholarships were originally given to those enrolled in courses that provided training for pastoral or other Christian vocation. The ABWMCR board recognizes in today's world most pastors need a second profession to provide for their family and repay the high costs of education. International missionaries also now need a profession (agricultural, medical, educational, etc.) that can be used while they are witnessing of Jesus' love and saving grace. When pastoral ministry is a person's passion, the ministry education is usually in seminary. Thus, the AB Women's Ministries Board has eliminated the original requirement.

The Mary Gates Atkinson scholarships were also originally given to students who attended an ABC college. The ABWMCR board recognizes students often need to choose an institution other than an ABC college for financial reasons. ABWMCR expects scholarship recipients will attend and serve in an ABC church. Preference is given to those attending an ABC-affiliated college. Seminary students must be attending Central Baptist Seminary or another ABC-affiliated seminary.

Awards are granted for one semester at a time and paid directly to the college or seminary. Recipients may be considered for renewal provided they continue to fulfill qualification requirements, make normal progress toward graduation, and continue to need financial assistance.

\*The scholarship committee usually does not personally know the student. The committee depends on those in leadership who know the applicant best. Therefore, to be considered for the Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship, the applicant must provide a letter from the applicant's ABCCR pastor explaining the applicant's passion for the ministry of Christ, along with the applicant's use of their gifts in the local church and/or community and how the applicant has influenced or has been influenced by peers.

If questions arise, please contact Cindy Fritz at:

[cindyfritz26@gmail.com](mailto:cindyfritz26@gmail.com) or 785.820.1640

Completed Application, Applicant Photo, and Pastor's Reference Letter

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