

The Reverend J. Matthew Carter Sr.

Educational Scholarship

The **Reverend J. Matthew Carter Sr. Educational Scholarship** honors the life, legacy, and ministry of the longest-serving pastor in the history of Mt. Period Missionary Baptist Church.

For nearly five decades, from 1970 until 2018, Reverend Carter faithfully served Mt. Period with distinction. During a significant portion of the church's 70-year history, his leadership helped shape generations of members through his phenomenal preaching, thoughtful teaching, commitment to Christian discipleship, and deep concern for the well-being of the community.

Reverend Carter believed strongly in the value of education and in preparing people to use their gifts in service to God and others. His ministry extended far beyond the walls of Mt. Period. Throughout the Columbus community, he served in various capacities and was known for lending both his leadership and his hands to the work, including helping to build and construct several churches throughout the area.

In that same spirit of faith, education, service, and investment in the next generation, Mt. Period Missionary Baptist Church is proud to continue this scholarship initiative, which was first established under the leadership of Pastor Ron E. Elmore.

This year, **two \$1,000 scholarships** will be awarded in Pastor Carter's name to students who demonstrate a commitment to education, Christian faith, and service to their community. Through these scholarships, we seek not only to remember Reverend Carter's remarkable legacy, but to extend it by investing in students who will continue making an impact in the church, the community, and the world.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an active member of a local church.
- Demonstrate involvement in community service.

- Be a high school senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student pursuing seminary education.
- Be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university for Fall 2026 or Spring 2027.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Submit all required application materials no later than Friday, September 11, 2026.

Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed scholarship application
- Copy of current transcript (official or unofficial) verifying a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, counselor, or community leader
- One (1) letter of recommendation from your pastor
- Application Essay (600–800 words)

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In **600-800 words**, choose a **biblical passage, a biblical story, or person from the Bible** that has shaped your understanding of faith, perseverance, service, or purpose.

Explain what this Scripture, biblical story or person means to you personally, and describe how it (or they) has influenced the way you approach your education, serve others, or prepare for your future.

Finally, share how you hope to live out the values found in that passage or story as you continue your education and seek to make a positive impact in your church, community, or chosen field.

Scholarship Award Notification

Scholarship recipients will be notified **by September 18, 2026** and are expected to receive their award at the Mt. Period Baptist Church during our Sunday Morning Worship Service which begins at 11:00AM.

Mt. Period Baptist Church
462 Kimball Pl.
Columbus, OH 43205

Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Full Name:
Date of Birth:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Home Address:

Current Academic Information

Current School:
GPA:

Volunteer Service

Please list any volunteer or community service activities you currently participate in or have participated in.

Extracurricular Activities

Please list any extracurricular activities you participate in. Include your role if you serve as Captain, Board Member, Leader, or Officer.

Future or Current Academic Plans

List the colleges, universities, or continuing education programs to which you have been accepted to or currently attend:

Submission Information

Email completed application materials with the subject heading “*Your Name* – JMC Scholarship App” to: mpbaptistchurch@yahoo.com

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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