

Reverend Anna Valentin Scholarship

Sponsored by: Vision Ministries, 4901 Midland Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37421

The Reverend Anna Valentin Scholarship was established in 2015 in memory of Reverend Anna Valentin, mother to Vision Ministries' founder and current presiding bishop, Bishop J. Z. Valentin, Ph.D. Bishop Valentin envisioned a scholarship that would support high-achieving high school students in Chattanooga who are exceptional in and out of the classroom. His mother was an impactful woman, whose presence positively affected everyone around her. She was dignified, strong-minded, and intelligent. Her presence filled a room and she was an outstanding leader. The Purpose of this scholarship is to provide scholarships annually to deserving high school seniors, from public schools around Chattanooga, who intend to further their education at a two or four-year college or university.

Criteria and eligibility:

1. Applicants **must** be graduating seniors in the year of the award.
2. Applicants **must** have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0).
3. Applicants **must** be interviewed by member(s) of the Vision Ministries Scholarship Committee.
4. Applicants **must** be accepted and plan to enroll full-time in a college or university.

ALL applicants must submit the following to be eligible for consideration:

1. Personal Statement (should not exceed 1 page) in response to this question:

“Reverend Anna Valentin was an incredibly impactful woman. She was known for many things, but there were certain qualities that everyone could point out. She was a woman who always **expressed leadership**, taking on the role of a shepherd to those in her community. She was **service-oriented**, recognizing and meeting the needs of those around her. She was also known for being a **visionary**, a proactive and perceptive person who broke barriers in her field. *As an exceptional academic, what quality listed do you most identify with, and how has that quality pushed you to achieve a personal goal that you consider meaningful?*”

- a. Must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12 pt / Times New Roman font with no grammatical errors.
2. Activities Resume
 - a. Formatted with organizations involved, positions with a description, and the years you participated.
3. One (1) Letter of Recommendation addressed to the scholarship committee
4. Official Transcript as of 3rd quarter with cumulative GPA and standardized test scores (ACT, SAT, AP exams, etc)

General Instructions:

1. The deadline for this scholarship application is **April 15** by the end of the school day

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2. All questions must be answered thoroughly, and printed legibly. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.
 - a. If a question does not apply to you, please put N/A in the question space.
3. Finalists will be interviewed by the Vision Ministries Scholarship Committee in late April or early May before the Senior Awards Day program.
4. If you have any questions, please contact:
 - a. Anita Bell at (706) 639-7107
 - b. Johannah Valentin at vm.scholarcommittee@gmail.com
5. Please submit your application to your Senior Counselor.

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name (First, Middle, Last):	DOB:	Sex (circle): M or F
Mailing Address:		
Street:		
City:	State:	Zipcode:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	
EDUCATION INFORMATION		
Current High School:	GPA (4.0 scale)	GPA (out of 100%)
I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2023:	Intended major:	
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS		
Name(s) of Legal Guardian/Parent:	Relationship:	Phone Number:

Please attach the following documents on separate sheets of paper to this application packet:

1. Personal Statement (1-page maximum) that fully answers the question given.
2. Current transcript (with standardized test scores)
3. Activities Resume
 - a. Formatted with Organization, position with a short description, and years of active service
4. One (1) Letter of Recommendation
5. Proof of College/University Acceptance
6. **(optional)** A recent photo to be included in your scholarship portfolio

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- A. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
- B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)
- C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
YES	NO	Personal Statement. Fully answers the question given. Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.
YES	NO	Activities Resume. Formatted with organizations involved, positions with a description, and the years you participated.
YES	NO	One (1) Letter of Recommendation addressed to the Scholarship Committee.
YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcripts with standardized test scores. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable</u> if the transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Winners of the Reverend Anna Valentin Scholarship will be chosen based on the criteria written above, as well as an interview conducted after submission of the applicant's application.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Reverend Anna Valentin Scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/parent: _____ Date: _____