



Dr. Bishop Eric L. Ellis Scholarship Application 2026

Dear NROCC Family,

Greetings! The NROCC Board of Directors and NROCC Scholarship Committee are proud to present the third annual Dr. Bishop Eric L. Ellis Scholarship rewarding excellence in Kingdom-focused ministry and Christ-centered community service. Ideal candidates are NROCC members who strongly reflect the character of Christ in both their public and private activities while balancing their studies. Those that apply will be judged primarily on their passion for ministry and service.

NROCC members of all ages who fit the following minimum qualifying criteria are more than welcome to apply (see page 2). Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of NROCC members. The winners of the scholarship will be selected by this committee.

Scholarship awards will total \$1,000.00 and are designated for college/university attendees as well as pre-approved vocational or certification programs.

We ask that you share this application with eligible NROCC members who may qualify for this award.

Application is due on or before April 30, 2026, so please ensure that it is returned promptly. The application is available online at <https://nrocc.org>.

Scholarship award recipient(s) will be announced by July 1, 2026.

Thank you,

NROCC Board of Directors & NROCC Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs-Sis. Jackie Henderson, Sis. Dawnielle G. Pacheco

Qualifying Criteria: ALL 5 of these MUST be met to be considered for the scholarship. If any one of these minimum qualifiers are not met, your application will not be eligible.

1. **Only members of NROCC can apply for this scholarship.**
*****Please see page 4 for restrictions regarding membership eligibility.*****
2. **This is for the pursuit of post-secondary/post high school education such as Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, JD, etc. Certain structured certification/vocational programs may be considered as well.**
(Please contact committee co-chairs for clarification of eligible certification/vocational programs prior to submitting application packet).
3. **Applicant must be already accepted or attending an institution of higher learning to receive the award** (recent high school graduates must send in a copy of their acceptance letter).
4. **There is no minimum GPA requirement;** however, you cannot be on any type of academic probation or disciplinary action at your institution. Finalists may be required to provide a final transcript of the semester.
5. **Application is due on or before April 30, 2026.**

Please complete all sections of the application.

Submitting the application

Please submit the following to be considered for the NROCC scholarship:

1. **Sections 1-4 of Application (Personal Info, Academic Info, Activities & Interests, and Short Essay)**
2. **One Letter of recommendation-please see guidelines on PAGE 4 regarding format of letter of recommendation.** Letter can be from your high school/college faculty, counselor, work supervisor, community service organizer, church committee chair, etc. (No family members, church board member, or scholarship committee member).
3. **Unofficial or official transcript showing MOST RECENT GPA.**
4. **College Acceptance Letter** (ONLY for recent high school graduates and college applicants with no established GPA). (Certification/vocational program will need to provide an acceptance letter or class schedule).
5. **Web link showcasing any performing arts, sports clips, or other areas of talent (optional)**
6. **Return two (2) EXACT copies of application to: scholarships@nrocc.org.**
7. ***ONCE THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, A ZOOM INTERVIEW WILL BE SCHEDULED. IN ADDITION TO THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS, YOU WILL ANSWER AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION OF YOUR CHOICE FROM A LIST GIVEN AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR WRITTEN APPLICATION. AFTER THE INTERVIEW, YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED.** Please ensure that you have access to Zoom with appropriate lighting, sound, and in business attire.

- **Application is due on or before April 30, 2026.**
- Return two (2) EXACT copies of application to: scholarships@nrocc.org.
- **Please follow up with a phone call and text message to verify that your application has been received at 919-931-1171.**
- Please direct any questions to the NROCC Scholarship Co-Chairs:
Sis. Dawnelle G. Pacheco (919) 830-2714 & Sis. Jackie Henderson (919) 931-1171.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Name: | | Date of Birth: |
| Address: | | How long have you been a member of NROCC? |
| Home Phone: | E-mail Address: | |
| Cell Phone: | | |

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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| Name of Academic Institution (current college, prospective college, or certification program): | |
| Pursued Academic Degree(s)/Targeted Certification: | |
| Anticipated or Declared Major(s)/Field of Study: | GPA: |

SECTION 3 –ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS (MAXIMUM OF 1 PAGE)

Create and attach a resume or written summary to include each of the 4 areas listed below:

- 1. List and briefly describe your extracurricular educational activities** (e.g., memberships in organizations, sports, etc.). Be sure to include the name of the organization, the position, and the date(s) of involvement.
- 2. List and briefly describe your NROCC (including any aspects of ministry that you may be involved in) and community volunteer involvement.** Be sure to include the name of the organization, the activity, as well as the date(s) of involvement.
- 3. List honors or academic awards you have received** (e.g., scholarly activities, research, etc.). Be sure to include the name of the award/honor, the institution/organization, as well as the date the award was received.
- 4. List and briefly describe any work experience within the last 3 years.** Be sure to include the employer, position held, and dates of employment. Also, include a summary of your work responsibilities with the employer(s).

SECTION 4 – ESSAY SECTION

*****APPLICANT MUST BE THE SOLE AUTHOR OF AN ORIGINAL ESSAY*****

-PLEASE DO NOT USE AI OR CHATGPT-

Maximum word count: 250 words for each essay question. Attach additional sheet(s), as necessary.

ESSENTIAL ESSAY QUESTION. Each applicant must answer the below question. Feel free to use scriptural references in your responses

An increasingly discussed opinion is that many churches are beginning to look more like the world and are less concerned about reflecting the true character of Christ. Do you believe this opinion to be true or false? Please explain your stance and feel free to support your position using examples from pop culture, social media, scripture, and the modern-day church.

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NOTE: Selected scholarship recipient(s) will submit a written paragraph to be published on the value of the scholarship award in their academic pursuits.

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

Introduction: Who you are, your relationship to the applicant, and why you are recommending them to receive this scholarship.

Relationship: How do you know the applicant? How long have you known the applicant?

Recommendation: A clear statement on why you highly recommend this applicant. Give specific examples where the candidate exhibited one or more of the following values: **humility, excellence, compassion for people, dependence on God, integrity, or passion for Christ.**

Signature: Full name, title and signature.

Since NROCC is a nonprofit organization, members of the NROCC Board of Directors and/or the NROCC Scholarship Committee and their respective family members are ineligible to apply for the scholarship. If anyone in your family desires to apply but falls into one of these categories, please contact the committee co-chairs for further guidance).