



***The National Black Home Educators(NBHE) is proud to honor founding Board Member and Friend, Elizabeth Ellen Smith though this very special scholarship.***



***The Elizabeth Ellen Smith Legacy Scholarship***

***Faith • Family • Service***

**Scholarship Information Packet & Application**



*The “Elizabeth Smith Legacy Scholarship was established in loving memory of Elizabeth Ellen Smith (1944–2025).*

*This scholarship seeks to recognize homeschool students who exemplify a heart for God, a commitment to family, and a life of service to others.*

*Elizabeth's life reflected grace, wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith. Her legacy continues through young people who choose to live with purpose and love.*

*Through this Scholarship we endeavor to honor the memory of a woman whose life reflected unwavering faith, love for family, and compassionate service to others. This scholarship will be awarded annually to two homeschool graduates, recognizing young men and women who exemplify Christlike character and seek to impact the world around them. May these recipients continue our beloved Elizabeth's legacy by shining the light of Christ and serving others with grace, kindness, and purpose.*

### **Scholarship Motto:**

*"Her legacy of faith, love, and service lives on in the hearts of those she touched."*

### **Scripture Verse**

*“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”*

**- Proverbs 31:26 (ESV)**

## **Scholarship Awards & Eligibility:**

**Two scholarships will be awarded annually:**

- **Elizabeth Ellen Smith Legacy Scholarship – Young Woman Award – \$500**
  - **Elizabeth Ellen Smith Legacy Scholarship – Young Man Award – \$500**
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## **Eligibility**

### **Applicants must:**

- Be homeschooled or planning to graduate from a homeschool program.
- Be between the ages of 16–19
- Demonstrate a personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- Exhibit a strong commitment to family and service.
- Plan to pursue college, trade school, ministry training, entrepreneurship, or another purposeful path after graduation.
- Be active in church, community, or volunteer service.

## **Selection Criteria**

### **Faith (30%)**

- Demonstrates Christian character.
- Lives out biblical principles.
- Participates in church or ministry activities.

### **Family (30%)**

- Shows honor and respect toward parents and family.
- Serves siblings, grandparents, or extended family.
- Values relationships and contributes to the home.

### **Service (30%)**

- Volunteers in church, community, or ministry.
- Encourages and mentors others.
- Demonstrates kindness and compassion.

### **Leadership and Future Goals (10%)**

- Possesses a vision for using their gifts to impact others.

# **Application Requirements**

## **1. Personal Essay (500–750 words)**

### **Essay Theme:**

***"How have faith, family, and service shaped who you are, and how do you hope to make a difference in the lives of others?"***

### **Applicants are encouraged to share:**

- Their testimony or faith journey.
- Ways they serve their family and community.
- Their future goals and aspirations.
- How they hope to honor God through their gifts and calling.

## **2. Parent Recommendation**

A brief letter describing the student's character, work ethic, and commitment to family.

## **3. Pastor or Ministry Leader Recommendation**

A letter describing the applicant's Christian character and involvement in church or ministry.

#### **4. Activity and Service Resume**

##### **Including:**

- Volunteer activities
- Church involvement
- Leadership roles
- Community service
- Hobbies and interests

# Applicant Information:

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Homeschool Name (if applicable):**

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**Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Future Plans:**

After graduation, I plan to:

- ☐ Four-Year College
- ☐ Community College
- ☐ Trade/Technical School
- ☐ Entrepreneurship
- ☐ Ministry
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Career Path:

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School or Organization You Plan to Attend (if known):

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## **Church Information:**

Church Name:

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Pastor's Name:

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How long have you attended?

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## **Christian Faith:**

**In a few sentences, describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.**

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## **Community & Church Involvement:**

Please list your involvement in church, volunteer work, leadership, ministry, or community service.

| <b>Organization</b> | <b>Role</b> | <b>Years Involved</b> |
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## **Honors & Achievements:**

Please list any awards, accomplishments, certifications, or special recognitions.

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## **Essay:**

Please attach a **500–750 word essay** answering the following question:

**"How have faith, family, and service shaped who you are, and how do you hope to make a difference in the lives of others?"**

Your essay should include:

- Your testimony or faith journey
- How your family has influenced your life
- Ways you serve your church or community
- Your future goals
- How you hope to honor Christ in your life's work

## **Recommendation Letters:**

Please include:

- ☐ Parent Recommendation
- ☐ Pastor or Ministry Leader Recommendation

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## **Activities Resume**

Please attach a resume listing:

- Leadership positions
  - Volunteer service
  - Church involvement
  - Employment (if applicable)
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Special talents or interests
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## **Applicant Certification:**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if selected, my name, photograph, and essay excerpts may be used by the National Black Home Educators for scholarship recognition and promotional purposes.

Applicant Signature:

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Date:

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18):

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Date:

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## **Application Checklist:**

Before submitting your application, please ensure you have included:

- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application
  - ☐ 500–750 Word Essay
  - ☐ Parent Recommendation Letter
  - ☐ Pastor/Ministry Leader Recommendation Letter
  - ☐ Activities Resume
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### **Submission Information:**

**Application Deadline: Tuesday, December 15th, 2026**

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**Email Applications To: [contact@nbhe.com](mailto:contact@nbhe.com)**

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**Or Mail To:**

**National Black Home Educators (NBHE)**

**13434 Plank Road PMB #110**

**Baker, Louisiana 70714**

## **Scholarship Selection:**

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- **Faith** – 30%
- **Family Commitment** – 30%
- **Service & Leadership** – 30%
- **Future Goals & Vision** – 10%