

MANDY COATS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Mandy Coats Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 and first awarded in 2005 to memorialize Nancy Amanda Coats. Born on November 14, 1977, in Pine Bluff, she was the daughter of Jimmy and Sandy Coats. After graduation from White Hall High School in 1996, Mandy attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello until her diagnosis with Batten's Disease. At the age of 26, Mandy joined her Lord on May 23, 2004. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in White Hall.

Mandy's life was a constant testimony. She was a friend to all, because she accepted everyone around her without bias or prejudice. Her selfless display of love and energy, even when she had little energy herself, taught the true meaning of compassion. This pronounced concern for the well-being of others, in spite of failing health, defined Mandy. She shared her love for Jesus routinely and unashamedly – how much she adored Him, how much He loved her, and toward the end of her life how ready she was to see Him.

This scholarship was established to enable Mandy's spirit to live beyond her lifetime. Her greatest desire upon entering college was to grow intellectually so that she could help those around her. This scholarship will allow deserving students to achieve the opportunities that Mandy cherished but was never able to enjoy.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications with a tremendous amount of thought and prayer. Additionally, the Board may require an interview as part of the final selection process. Offering the opportunity to pursue higher education to ultimately change the lives of others keeps Mandy's memory alive.

All applicants for a scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Must be an Arkansas high school senior who is applying for a college scholarship for the freshman year;
- Must be an active member of a church and/or other Christian organization;
- Must plan to attend an accredited college or university on a full-time basis;
- Must be of high moral character, exhibit a strong work ethic, and be intellectually qualified for the desired pursuit;
- Must have and maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better (scholarship awards will be forfeited if the student's GPA falls below 2.0);
- Must be willing to accept a scholarship as a gift from God and be willing to later help others as a result.

PROCEDURE:

1. Print three pages (this page, the application form, and the reference form).
2. Complete and sign the application form and return by APRIL 1 to the address shown. Also on a separate sheet, please answer the following questions:
 - a. Why are you applying for this scholarship?
 - b. How do your educational desires fit into your life's plan?
 - c. List any honors, achievements, and/or awards from your church, school, or community.
 - d. Describe your work experience if applicable.
 - e. Describe the happiest moment of your life.
 - f. Describe your most difficult life experience. How did you endure or overcome it?
 - g. Feel free to share any other information that would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in understanding your situation.
3. Send TWO copies of the reference form to individuals who are not related to you. One of these individuals should be a minister at your church or sponsor of your Christian organization. The other reference can be a friend, employer, or neighbor who would know your character or work ethic. Ask them to complete and mail directly to the address shown.

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NEW APPLICANT-SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Arkansas Baptist Foundation
10 Remington Drive
Little Rock, AR 72204

This application must be mailed to the above address **NO EARLIER THAN JANUARY 1 AND NO LATER THAN April 1** of the year in which the scholarship is being sought. Applicants are encouraged to mail their applications via certified mail. **Please type or print legibly in black ink.**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male Female Email: _____

Permanent Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Daytime Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____

Church Name: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Church Phone # () _____

Church Denomination: _____

Other Christian organization in which you are active:.

Name of organization _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Contact Phone # () _____

Student Academic Classification

Current High School Senior	Cumulative Grade Point: _____
College/University of Choice:	
Name: _____	ACT Score*: _____
Major: _____	SAT Score*: _____
Minor: _____	*Note: Applicant must submit either ACT or SAT score.

Career Objective: _____

Anticipated Annual Cost of Tuition, Room & Board.....\$ _____

Other Scholarships Received: #1 Name: _____ \$ _____

#2 Name: _____ \$ _____

#3 Name: _____ \$ _____

#4 Others: _____ \$ _____

Please list current employment of parent(s) or guardian(s):

Father/Guardian Employer: _____ Mother/Guardian Employer: _____

Father/Guardian Occupation: _____ Mother/Guardian Occupation: _____

I have read the scholarship qualifications and I hereby certify that I qualify on all points. Also, I certify that all information presented in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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REFERENCE FORM

To be completed by **two references (make a 2nd copy or print twice)** and mailed directly to the Mandy Coats Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Christian Ministry Services, **Arkansas Baptist Foundation- 10 Remington Drive -Little Rock, AR 72204**

THIS REFERENCE IS DUE April 1. Please type or print legibly in black ink.

Applicant's name: _____ Date: _____

Your name: _____

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Reference type – please check one of the following:

Reference Type <input type="checkbox"/> Minister (Position: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Relationship (Specify: _____)
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How long have you known the applicant? _____ years _____ months

Please rank the applicant on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest, in the following areas (if you have knowledge in that area) and add any desired comments. You may attach an actual letter of reference if that would be your preference.

Personal Honesty and Integrity: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Work Ethic: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Appearance: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Commitment to Christ and local church involvement: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Active in Bible Study/Faithful In Attendance: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Financial Need: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Academic Potential: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Community/Extra Curricular Involvement: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Family Background: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A

Comments: _____

Reference Signature: _____