

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church – 2026

Scholastic Award Vested in Education (SAVE) Fund CRITERIA

The JMBC SAVE Fund is designed to aid Christian youth of JMBC in pursuing their educational dreams by attending a post-secondary institution, e.g., two/four-year college, university, or career/technical school. These awards will be presented each year to all applicants who submit required documentation by the application deadline.

Criteria

- Applicant must be an active member of JMBC for at least one year prior to graduation.
- Applicant must be a prospective high school graduate in the year of application.
- Applicant must submit a completed SAVE Fund application.
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- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (must submit official high school transcript showing grades and GPA).
- Applicant must be accepted by a two or four-year college or career/technical school (must provide original letter of acceptance from institution of higher education).
- Applicant must plan to attend college or career/technical school in the upcoming academic year (fall, spring, etc.) as a full or part-time student.
- Applicant must submit proof of having completed at least 10 hours of community service.
- Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from either of the following: pastor, teacher, counselor, parent, mentor, or family member.
- Applicants must submit a **300-word essay** on one of the following topics:
 1. What effect does the threat of school shootings and other forms of gun violence have on you, and what role do you think you and other young people in our country can play in helping to stop our country's epidemic of gun violence?
 2. How can spiritual beliefs provide hope or guidance during times of political unrest or uncertainty? Share examples of how faith can influence perspective and behavior.
 3. As artificial intelligence becomes more common in everyday life, how can your spiritual beliefs help guide what you trust and how you use AI?

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted by **June 1, 2026**, to **jmbcsave@gmail.com**. Incomplete applications will be subject to forfeiture. Applicants will be notified via email or phone of their award by mid-late June. Checks will be issued to the institution award recipients will attend in early August.

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