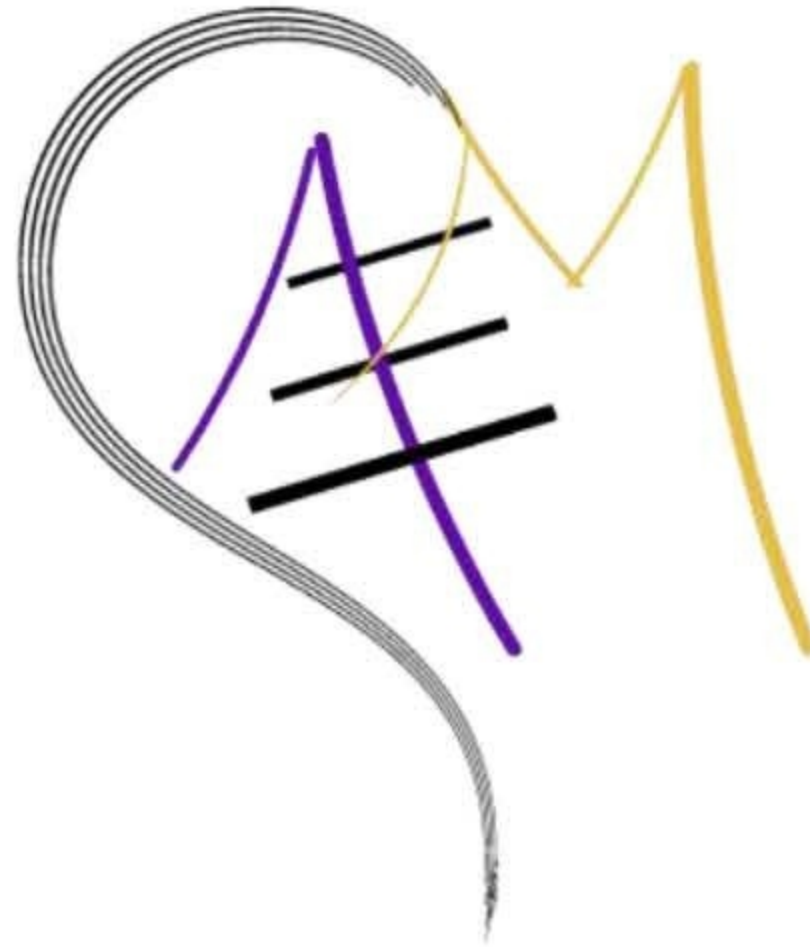




Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr.

Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship

Established by:

Agapé Embassy Ministries

"Train up a child in the way he should go;
and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship Tribute

The Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship is established in loving memory of a remarkable man whose life reflected unwavering faith, integrity, service, and dedication to the advancement of others.

Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. was a devoted servant-leader, a faithful husband, a loving father, and a committed member of his community and faith family. Throughout his life, he demonstrated a deep commitment to excellence in both character and service. He believed strongly in the power of education, the importance of discipline, and the responsibility of investing in the next generation.

Those who knew Dr. Mills will remember him for his wisdom, humility, and consistent encouragement of others. He had a unique ability to inspire people to pursue their purpose with confidence and integrity. Whether through his professional endeavors, ministry involvement, or personal relationships, he consistently modeled what it meant to lead with compassion and conviction.

Dr. Mills was especially passionate about helping young people realize their potential. He understood that education opens doors, builds confidence, and creates opportunities for a better future. Because of this belief, he continually supported and encouraged students to pursue academic excellence and personal growth.

This scholarship is created to honor his legacy by investing in students who demonstrate strong character, academic commitment, and a desire to make a positive impact in their communities. Recipients of this award are chosen not only for their academic achievements, but also for their commitment to values that reflect the life Dr. Mills lived—faith, perseverance, leadership, and service to others.

It is our prayer that each student who receives this scholarship will be inspired to walk in excellence, remain grounded in purpose, and use their education to uplift others, just as Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr., did throughout his life.

His legacy lives on through every life he touched and through every student this scholarship helps to empower.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...” (Matthew 25:23)



Purpose of the Scholarship

The **Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship** is established to honor his legacy by supporting high school seniors who demonstrate a strong spiritual walk, active involvement in ministry, and academic commitment.

This scholarship seeks to invest in students who have a heart for serving others and are dedicated to growing in their faith while pursuing higher education. It aims to both provide financial assistance and encourage recipients to continue living out the values of their spiritual walk, leadership, and service in Agapé Embassy Ministries, school, and community.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **Joseph A. Mills Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship**. We applaud your commitment to pursuing higher education and striving to make a positive impact in your school, church, and community.

This scholarship was established to honor the legacy of faith, leadership, service, and excellence exemplified by Joseph A. Mills Jr. We are honored to support students who demonstrate these same values as they prepare for their future endeavors.

Listed below are the required materials and instructions for completing your scholarship submission. Please review all information carefully to ensure your application is complete.

Required Submission Materials

You will need to submit the following:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- Written Essay
- High School Transcript (official or unofficial)
- One Letter of Recommendation (to be submitted by person providing recommendation)
- Proof of college, university, or trade school acceptance
- List of school, church, and community activities (*optional but encouraged*)

Essay Requirement

Applicants must submit a typed essay responding to one of the provided essay prompts included in this packet.

Essay Guidelines:

- 500–750 words
- Double-spaced
- Times New Roman, 12-point font
- MLA Format

Submission Instructions

Please submit all application materials electronically in one complete packet by the application deadline.

Letter of Recommendation should be sent by recommender to:

kgraden@agapembassy.org

Subject Line:

Joseph A. Mills Jr., Scholarship Application – [Applicant's Name]

Accepted file formats:

- PDF preferred
- Word documents accepted

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Important Reminder

Before submitting your application, please ensure:

- All sections are completed.
- Required signatures are included.
- All supporting documents are attached.

We appreciate your interest in the **Dr. Joseph A. Mills Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship** and wish you success throughout the application process. We look forward to learning more about your achievements, aspirations, and commitment to faith and service.

Sincerely,

The Scholarship Committee

Application Form

Please print clearly or type. All sections must be completed.

Student Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____

Academic Information

High School: _____
GPA: _____
Graduation Date: _____

College Information

College/Trade School Name: _____
Intended Major/Field of Study: _____

Activities & Leadership

(List church, school, and community activities you have participated in)

Activity	Years involved	Leadership Role
_____	_____	_____
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Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Essay Requirement

As part of the application process, each applicant must submit a written essay. This essay allows the scholarship committee to better understand your character, goals, and alignment with the values represented by this scholarship.

Essay Prompts

Choose **ONE** of the following:

- Describe how you have demonstrated and will continue to demonstrate faith, service, and leadership in school, church, or community.
- How has your spiritual walk shaped or influenced your future plans?
- How have you demonstrated the values of Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr., in your life?
- In what ways has your faith, family, and community shaped who you are today?

Essay Guidelines

- Length: 500-750 words
- Format: Typed, double-spaced
- Font: Times Roman, 12-point
- MLA Format

Submission Instructions

- All submissions will be made electronically.
- Submit your essay as a PDF or Word document.

Evaluation Note

Your essay will be evaluated based on clarity, originality, depth of thought, and how well you communicate your experience and goals. Applicants are encouraged to thoughtfully reflect on their spiritual walk, service, and leadership.

“Please ensure your essay reflects your authentic voice and personal experiences.”

Recommendation Form

Agapé Embassy Ministries

Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship

Instructions to Recommender

The student named below is applying for the **Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship**. Your honest evaluation is an important part of the selection process.

Please complete this form and return it by **September 14, 2026**, to:

Email: kgraden@agapembassy.org

Applicant Information (to be completed by student)

Applicant's Name:

Recommender Information

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization/Church/School: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Length of Time known: _____

Evaluation of Applicant

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Character/Integrity				
Leadership Ability				
Responsibility/Dependability				
Community/Church Involvement				
Initiative/Motivation				
Overall Recommendation				

Written Recommendation

Please provide a brief statement addressing the applicant's character, achievements, leadership, and potential for future success. (Attach additional pages if needed)

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Please fill in the circle that corresponds with your endorsement.

- ☐ I highly recommend the applicant.
- ☐ I recommend this applicant.
- ☐ I recommend this applicant with reservations.
- ☐ I do not recommend this applicant.

Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate and reflects my honest evaluation of the applicant.

Signature: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Confidentiality

This recommendation will be used solely for scholarship selection purposes and will remain confidential.

Scholarship Overview

The **Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr. Faith & Future Legacy Scholarship** is awarded to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate their spiritual walk, academic effort, strong character, and commitment to service.

- Award Amount: \$1,400 minimum for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place to be determined
- Number of Awards: 3
- Type: One-time award
- Disbursement: Funds will be issued to the recipient's accredited college, university, or trade school.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Be an active member of Agapé Embassy Ministries' Images of Christ Youth Ministry
- Be accepted into a college, university, or trade school.
- Demonstrate good character and leadership qualities.

Application Checklist

Please submit the following:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- High School Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Essay (topic provided)
- One (1) Recommendation (to be submitted by person providing recommendation)
- Proof of college, university, or trade school acceptance
- List of Activities: clubs, sports, missions, initiatives, ministry involvement, work environment, etc. (optional but encouraged)

Before You Begin

- Read all instructions carefully.
- Ensure all documents are included.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

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| • Academic Achievement | 25% |
| • Community Service & Church Involvement | 25% |
| • Essay Quality & Content | 30% |
| • Character & Leadership | 20% |

Applicants are encouraged to thoughtfully address these areas within their essay and application.
The Scholarship Committee's decisions are final.

Timeline

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| • Application Opens: | June 2026 |
| • Application Deadline: | September 14, 2026 |
| • Review Period: | October – December 2026 |
| • Award Notification: | January – March 2027 |
| • Scholarship Presentation: | June 2027 |

Submission Instructions

Note: Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Award Presentation

- Recipient must enroll in an accredited institution by **September 2027**
- Proof of enrollment must be submitted prior to fund disbursement.
- Funds are to be used for tuition, fees, or educational expenses only.
- Recipients will be recognized during a special service at Agapé Embassy Ministries. Attendance is mandatory as we celebrate academic excellence and honor the legacy of Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr.

In Closing

We are honored to invest in the future of our youth and continue the legacy of Dr. Joseph A. Mills, Jr., by supporting students who strive to make a difference. We pray for your continued success as you pursue your God-given purpose.