**First Calvary Baptist Church**

**Scholarship Ministry**

**Katara Harris**

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**Merit Award Application**

**CRITERIA**

The recipient of the **$750 Katara Harris Merit Award** will be selected on the basis of **3 criteria**:

1. Community Service,
2. Church Membership and
3. Academics.

All three criteria are equally important, and each is equally weighted in the selection process. The recipient(s) will be REQUIRED to attend the reception on Graduation Sunday.

The three criteria will be judged, in part, by:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE/ESSAY**Student must actively participate in community service. Community service is defined as committing acts that are not self-serving and not receiving monetary compensation. Examples of community service include volunteering at food banks, afterschool programs, nursing homes, candy striper in a hospital setting, rescue mission and Mobile Markets. In addition, the applicant must complete a 250-word essay typed, and double-spaced describing how the student’s community service impacted his/her goals, how he/she plans to achieve them, and how a college education will help him/her make a contribution to the community. Points will be deducted if the essay does not meet the 250-word minimal requirement.

Students should complete **a minimum of 20 hours** of community service **between April 2023 and April 2024. Written confirmation must be submitted by an authorized representative where the service was performed. Please note: Parents/guardians are prohibited from writing letters of recommendations.**

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**   
Student may or may not **\*** be a member of the body of First Calvary Baptist Church.

**Membership** is a member through 1) baptism, Christian experience, Associate membership; 2) has a parent/legal guardian who is a member of First Calvary and is actively participating in the life of the church; and 3) active participation in church ministries and consistent attendance in worship  **\*Affiliate** is defined as a student who participates in FCBC outreach ministries such as, Scouts or Recreation Ministry.

*Please have the Ministry Chair complete and sign the Church Membership/Involvement Statement to be submitted with your application.*

The following is a list of typed documents each student must provide/fill out completely for the **Katara Harris Merit Award** and submit to First Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry:

**ACADEMICS**  
Students must currently have a minimum grade point average of “**2.5**”.

The following is a list of typed documents each student must provide/fill out completely for the **Katara Harris Merit Award** and submit to First Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Ministry:

1. Application for the **“Katara Harris Merit Award”**
2. Official Copy of high school transcript (issued by the Guidance Counselor)
3. Community Service Form(s)-Must be signed by the Community Service Rep.
4. Church /Ministry Statement – Signed by Ministry Chairperson
5. 250 word typed essay (completed and signed by student) Separate from the Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship essay
6. \*Two personal recommendation letters (see below). These must be completed and signed by persons recommending the student for the scholarship.
7. PROOF of ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING.

\*The two (2) written recommendations should be from the following:

* One (1) from church member (**excluding the Pastor and parents/guardians**), and
* One (1) from the following: guidance counselor, teacher, coach, etc.

Recommendations should be no more than 100 words typed clearly to describe the applicant’s personal drive. **Two (2) letters of recommendation are required and must be typed and signed.**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT!!! Please make sure that ALL SEVEN (7) items above are completed and submitted together and sent to the Scholarship Ministry email address at** [**scholarship@firstcalvary.org**](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org)**. Incomplete packets WILL NOT be accepted for consideration. To prevent late arrival, plan early to have your transcript and recommendation letters available to you so the items can be included with your application packet and emailed to the Scholarship Ministry email address at** [**scholarship@firstcalvary.org**](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org)**.**

**DEADLINE**The Scholarship Ministry must receive all Application Packet materials **NO LATER THAN** **Wednesday**, **April 24, 2024 by 5pm,** at the **Scholarship Ministry email address,** [**scholarship@firstcalvary.org**](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org)**.**

If there are questions concerning the contents of the Scholarship Application Packet, please send an email to the Scholarship Ministry email addressat [**scholarship@firstcalvary.org**](mailto:scholarapplication@firstcalvary.org)**.**

**First Calvary Baptist Church**

**Katara Harris Merit Award Application**

**NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**BIRTHDATE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SEX: Male\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**HOME TELEPHONE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**HIGH SCHOOL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**DATES ATTENDED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**ARE YOU OR YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN A MEMBER OF FIRST CALVARY? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_**

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES/MINISTRIES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU WILL ATTEND:**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE – Katara Harris Merit Award**

**Please use a separate sheet per Community Service Involvement**

**Name of Student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Community Service Activity (please describe):**

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**In 2-3 sentences describe how this service impacted your life. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Approximate number of Community Service hours rendered: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dates of Community Service\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name of Agency/Organization\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Community Service Representative’s Name (Please print):**

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**Complete Address (location of project, if applicable):**

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**Telephone Number (of project’s office, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature/Title of Representative (must be signed to be considered):**

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**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

First Calvary Baptist Church

Church Involvement and Ministry Statement

This notice is to provide written confirmation that

(Student’s Name)

has been an active participant in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Ministry for the current school year.

Signature of Ministry Chair / Designee

Date

**First Calvary Baptist Church**

**Scholarship Packet FINAL CHECKLIST**

**For Katara Harris Merit Award**

* Scholarship Application:

*Students may apply for both but may only receive one scholarship.*

* 1. Elnora Shields Academic Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_Yes or No\_\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Katara Harris Merit Award \_\_\_\_\_Yes or No\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Official Copy of high school transcript (issued by the Guidance Counselor)
* Community Service Form(s)-Must be signed by the Community Service Rep.

\*\***Only Required for Katara Harris Merit Award**\*\*

* Church Ministry Statement – Must be signed by Ministry Chairperson
* 250 word typed essay (completed and signed by student)
* \*Two personal recommendation letters. These must be completed and signed by persons recommending the student for the scholarship.
* Proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning

I have used the above checklist to validate that my application packet is complete and includes all of the items listed above for the appropriate scholarship.

I understand that I may apply for either scholarship or both. I also understand that only completed applications will be considered and I must submit the above items to the Scholarship Ministry email address at[**scholarship@firstcalvary.org**](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org)**, NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 24, 2024, by 5pm.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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