



ST. PAUL COMMUNITY BC

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**APPLICATION DATES:** February 1 – April 30 annually

### **About**

Serving communities of Brooklyn, New York since 1927, St. Paul Community Baptist Church is located in the storied borough's East New York section. Heralding a legacy of over 80 years of preaching, teaching and serving, St. Paul has been a positive change agent in the areas of housing, social justice and the mental, physical and spiritual well being of African American men, women and children. With a membership of over 3000, The St. Paul Community Baptist Church/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund was established specifically to assist young men and women of color in their pursuit of higher education. The SPCBC/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund also seeks to serve as a resource in educational & life skills mentoring as well as additional academic aid.

### **Mission**

To provide financial assistance to young men and women of color pursuing higher education at an accredited college or university. To support young men and women who demonstrate academic potential and exhibit a commitment to volunteer service in the Brooklyn (NY) community.

### **Purpose**

The St. Paul Community Baptist Church/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 to provide assistance to college minded men and women – ages 16-22 - in pursuit of higher education. Since 1927, St. Paul Community Baptist Church has based its foundation on being an outreach ministry serving residents of Brooklyn, New York.

In 2008 in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge, St. Paul sent twenty youth from our congregation to Biloxi, Mississippi (affectionately dubbed "The Biloxi 20) to

rebuild communities ravaged by 2005's devastating Hurricane Katrina. During this trip, participants also had the opportunity to visit the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward of New Orleans (Louisiana), also disseminated by Katrina, which heightened their awareness around the importance of giving selflessly of oneself for community. The trip proved to be a character development opportunity from which its outcomes are being used to create a leadership training model for youth throughout Brooklyn. In accordance to these foci, we have made a commitment to assist with the goals of young African American men and women pursuing a goal higher education. Our recipient(s) will be a high school male or female who participates in community/volunteer service, proves to be a role model to other young people and has excelled academically. The SPCBC/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund is dedicated to providing monetary assistance in addition to serving as a resource for obtaining other financial support towards education. The SPCBC/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund is for charitable and educational purposes only.