



## NAKID SCHOLARSHIP

# The Bria S. McZeal Memorial Scholarship

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NAKID is proud to announce the establishment of The Bria S. McZeal Memorial Scholarship. The Bria S. McZeal Memorial Scholarship was developed by NAKID to honor the contributions of Bria McZeal as a leader in the field of social work, church, community and to acknowledge the outstanding public service of a student of higher education.

### Biographical sketch of Bria S. McZeal

Bria S. McZeal was born on April 24, 1994. Bria's life's passion was service to others through ministry, mentoring, encouraging, inspiring, praising God and winning souls for Christ by letting her ever bright light shine. Bria attended Port Arthur ISD her early educational years before attending and graduating from Legacy Christian Academy. She attended Prairie View A&M University and completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Lamar University in Beaumont, TX. Prior to graduation, she enrolled in the University of Texas-Arlington in their accelerated Master's Social Work program and completed it one year. Bria began working in her vocation at Baptist Hospital October of 2017. Bria was the recipient of numerous awards including The Baptist Way Award after serving for less than two years. Bria was the youngest employee and the employee with the shortest tenure to ever receive it. Bria continued to work within the community and help people; she represented Nakid Foundation as a mentor to youth girls and Vice President of the board until her death.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for students who embody the qualities of its namesake and have an overwhelming desire to advance academically. Recipients will be **awarded based on their service, leadership, and academics**. Applicants must meet all the requirements listed below and submit the completed application postmarked on or before **MARCH 31, 2026**. For questions regarding the application, required documents, or application process, please contact NAKID at [www.thenakidfoundation.org](http://www.thenakidfoundation.org)

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. **Must** have served in your community, church, and school.
2. **Must** live in the United States.
3. **Must** be a graduating senior.
4. **Must** agree for NAKID to publicize your scholarship award including, but not limited to your name and photo if selected.
5. **Must** be accepted into an accredited college, university, trade school, etc.
6. **Must** submit all required material listed below.

### Submission Requirements:

1. An acceptance letter from an accredited college, university, trade school, etc.
2. Two letters of reference
3. A personal letter detailing your
  - Public Service
  - Leadership skills and organizational participation
  - Academic & career goals and,
  - An essay on why you should receive this scholarship (Not to exceed 1.5 pages)
4. A current photograph of yourself to be used for media purposes if selected for the scholarship.

### Privacy Act Advisory Statement

In the spirit of The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. & 552A, as amended, protecting your privacy is important to us. NAKID will use the personal information you provide for the sole purpose of evaluating your scholarship application. It will not be shared, sold or otherwise made available to any individual, corporation or organization. Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide information could preclude your consideration for this scholarship.

For questions related to this application process,  
contact NAKID at [www.thenakidfoundation.org/crystaljoyel@thenakidfoundation.org](http://www.thenakidfoundation.org/crystaljoyel@thenakidfoundation.org)

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APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **MARCH 31, 2026**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip)

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

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CURRICULUM MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES:** Please remember to have reference letters sent to [crystaljoyel@thenakidfoundation.org](mailto:crystaljoyel@thenakidfoundation.org)

1) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Acknowledgement

I give the NAKID Scholarship Committee authorization to release information from this application and letters of reference, as it deems appropriate under the guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act. I further understand that the Scholarship Committee will exercise careful judgment in its selection process and that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit the application via email to  
[crystaljoyel@thenakidfoundation.org](mailto:crystaljoyel@thenakidfoundation.org) or mail:

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