

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

## About The B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund

The St. Paul Community Baptist Church/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 to provide financial assistance to college minded young men and women of color – ages 16 to 22 - in pursuit of higher education. The fund is open to all applicants who: reside in Brooklyn, NY (or) attend a Brooklyn, NY high school (or) is a member of St. Paul Community Baptist Church; participate in community/volunteer service; is a proven role model to other young people and has excelled academically.

In 2008 in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge, St. Paul sent twenty youth from the congregation to Biloxi, Mississippi (affectionately dubbed "The Biloxi 20") to re-build communities ravaged by 2005's devastating Hurricane Katrina. During this trip, participants also visited the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward of New Orleans (Louisiana), also decimated by Katrina. These experiences heightened the Biloxi 20's awareness about the importance of giving selflessly of oneself for community. The SPCBC/B-20 Leadership Scholarship Fund is for charitable and educational purposes only. One (1) winner is chosen annually for a one-time award of \$5,000 payable in the winner's freshman year of college only.

## Mission

To provide financial assistance to young men and women of African and Hispanic descent in order to assist them in the pursuit of 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.

## About the St. Paul Community Baptist Church

Serving communities of Brooklyn, New York since 1927 and with a membership of over 3000, 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.