

Oakwood Chapel Church Christ Fund Scholarship Program



The Oakwood Chapel Christ Fund Scholarship provides an opportunity to assist young people in our community to pursue worthwhile academic dreams. High school seniors pursuing undergraduate study at an accredited two or four-year College or university and meeting eligibility criteria can apply. The program will award two \$1000.00 non-renewable scholarships annually to qualified recipient(s). The scholarship award may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for enrollment. Award will be paid directly to the college or university.

The scholarship program is administered by the Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry of Oakwood Chapel Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ. Consideration is given without regard to race, sex, or national origin.

Eligibility

Applicants to the Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry must

- be a resident of Virginia;
- be a high school senior accepted as a full-time undergraduate at a two or four year accredited college or university;
- be an active member of Oakwood Chapel Church (DOC) for at least one (1) year at the time of applying; if not a member, applicant must have a church sponsor who is an active member for at least one (1) year, and in good financial standing, as defined in the church bylaws, Article XXIV, page 23; Note – sponsor must be age 18 or older.
- have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale
- complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to determine financial need
- Participate in at least two extracurricular activities (community service/church or school related)

Application Process

Download and print the application. Complete the application. If any fields on the application are not completed, your application will not be considered. Please check for accuracy and completeness before mailing.

The completed application and all required documents must be mailed together in one envelope and postmarked by June 3, 2016. We will NOT accept hand delivered application packets, incomplete application packets, or application packets postmarked after 6/3/16.

A complete Scholarship Application Packet consists of:

- Completed Application
- Official high school transcript
- Page 1 of Student Aid Report (SAR) showing Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA.
- A copy of acceptance letter to the college/university that will be attended
- A copy of financial aid letter from college/university that will be attended
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher
- One letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor
- One letter of recommendation from church sponsor, if non member
- A 250 – 300 word essay (typed & double spaced) on how you will use your Christian Development or College Education to transform your community

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by the Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry will evaluate the following criteria using a Scoring Rubric to select the recipient(s):

- academic performance (determined by GPA)
- financial need (EFC Score)
- participation in extracurricular activities
- 250 – 300 word essay (typed & double spaced)
- letters of recommendation

Recipient(s) will be notified via letter in June.

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Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry Application



Oakwood Chapel Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ)

982 Avenue E

Norfolk, Virginia

Phone: (757) 853-9431

Application must be legible and printed or typed in black or blue ink.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail _____

Member _____ Non-member _____

Non-Member - Name of Church Sponsor _____

Education

High School _____ Dates of Attendance _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

Extra-curricular Activities

List your **school** extra-curricular activities (clubs, sports, student government, and honor society, etc.). Also, note if you held a leadership position within the organization.

Provide name, phone number, and email address of contact within the organization who can verify your participation.

List your **community or church** extra-curricular activities (volunteer activities, choir, usher board, etc.). Also note if you held a leadership position within the organization.

Provide name, phone number, and email address of contact within the organization who can verify your participation.

Write a 250 – 300 word essay (typed & double spaced) about how you will use your Christian Development or College Education to transform your community.

Certification: In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided to the Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will disqualify my application.

Permission: I authorize members of the Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry to discuss my financial aid package with representatives from the Financial Aid Office of the college/university that will be attended.

Press and Media Release: If selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize the Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry to use my name, likeness, and any other information, excluding financial information, in any media form and type of publication, including annual reports and newsletters.

Failure to enroll and attend the college/university for 2016-2017 academic year will forfeit the award of this scholarship.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(if under 18 years of age)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 3, 2016.
We will NOT accept any hand delivered application packets, incomplete application packets, or application packets postmarked after 6/3/16.

Please **mail all required documents in one envelope:** completed application, page 1 of student aid report, financial aid letter, transcript, and letters of recommendation (teacher, guidance counselor, church sponsor, if non-member), acceptance letter, and essay to:

Oakwood Chapel Church of Christ (DOC)
Christ Fund Scholarship Ministry
982 Avenue E
Norfolk, VA 23513

Please email your questions to christfund@oakwoodchapel.com.

