



2017-2018 College Scholarship Application

INSTRUCTIONS

PART I. *SUBMIT APPLICANT INFO, ACADEMIC PROFILE, AND ESSAY ONLINE AT <http://www.faithchapel.net/scholarships>*

Essay Topic: *What major challenges do you think college students experience today? Faced with those same challenges, which of the 10 keys to winning big and overcoming adversity would you use to address them? How would you implement these keys in your life? *Note: There is a 10-word limit for the essay title and a 500-word limit for the essay body.*

PART II. *PLACE THE COMPONENTS LISTED BELOW IN A MANILA ENVELOPE AND DEPOSIT THE ENVELOPE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP BOX LOCATED AT THE BRIDGE FRONT DESK. (Write your name on the outside of the envelope.)*

1. Proof of College Admission (i.e. copy of college acceptance letter)
2. Official sealed high school transcript **including Counselor's Report**
3. Two (2) reference forms with **signature of the person providing the reference written across the sealed envelope.**

References are scholarship specific. For example, if you are applying for the Academic Merit Scholarship, your reference forms may only be completed by Teachers or School Counselors. See Scholarship Chart for reference requirements.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who have completed the FCCC New Members' classes or online course.
- Applicants may apply for only ONE scholarship. Review the Scholarship Chart for eligibility requirements of each scholarship category.
- Points are deducted for not properly following instructions. See FAQ sheet for examples of point deductions.
- Applicants who have not been accepted to a college by the March 11th deadline may, temporarily, submit proof that they have applied to college. These students will be given a 1-month extension to provide proof of college acceptance.
- Both Part I and II of the application must be completed by **Sunday, March 11, 2018, 12:30PM**

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Faith Chapel Christian Center Scholarship Requirements

Eligibility: All applicants must be graduating High School Seniors and official members of FCCC.

Requirement	Academic Merit	Athletics & Fine Arts	* Lawson State IPOP	Leaders of Tomorrow	Mary Moore Memorial	Spiritual Expression Essay Award
GPA (weighted)	≥ 3.5	≥ 2.5	≥ 3.0	≥ 2.5	≥ 2.5	All applicants who submit a complete scholarship application are automatically eligible for these awards.
ACT score	≥ 20					
Reference Letters						
<i>Teachers or Counselor</i>	2	1	1	0	1	
<i>Organization Leader/Supervisor</i>	0	0	1	2	¥ 1	
<i>Coach or Athletic/Fine Arts Director</i>	0	1	0	0	0	
Volunteer Service at FCCC					≥ 6 months of service	
Sport or Fine Art Activity		≥ 2 years of participation				
Copy of a College Acceptance Letter	1	1	€ 1	1	1	
Essay (500 word max.)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	
Online Applicant Profile Submission	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	
Number of Scholarships Awarded (may vary)	~4	~4	1	~4	~4	Typically 3-5

*Lawson State IPOP scholarship is in the amount of full Tuition and Fees and is funded by Lawson State Community College.

€ A copy of the college acceptance letter from Lawson State must be submitted if applying for the Lawson State IPOP Scholarship.

¥ The Leader/Supervisor reference form for the Mary Moore Scholarship must be provided by someone who directly supervised your service activities at FCCC.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to apply for FCCC Scholarships?

Graduating high school seniors who meet the minimum requirements and who have completed the FCCC New Members' classes or online course may apply.

2. Where do I turn in Part II of my application?

Part II application packets should be placed in the Scholarship Box located at The Bridge front desk

3. Can I apply for a scholarship if my GPA does not meet the minimum requirement for that scholarship?

No. However, we round GPA to the nearest tenth (i.e. a GPA of 3.45 will be rounded up to 3.5)

4. Is attendance at the Graduation Celebration mandatory for Scholarship applicants?

Yes! All scholarship awards will be made at the Graduation Celebration.

5. Can I still apply for an award if I plan to start college in the Summer?

Yes!

6. What should I do if I am having problems obtaining reference forms or transcripts before the scholarship deadline?

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that individuals supplying references and transcripts are given ample time to prepare these materials. You should contact FCCC Student Resources immediately, and before the deadline date, if a reference or your school is holding up timely submission of your application. We will try to help you as much as possible; however, any material allowed after the deadline date is still subject to point deduction (except proof of college acceptance).

7. What should I do if I have not received my letter of college acceptance by the deadline date?

Proof of college acceptance is the only item that can be accepted after the deadline date without a point penalty. Applicants should temporarily submit proof that they have applied to college instead. These students will be automatically given a 1-month post-deadline extension to obtain proof of college acceptance. However, failure to show proof of college admission by the extension deadline will result in disqualification of application unless the Scholarship Committee is made aware of extenuating circumstances.



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8. When will I learn whether I have won a scholarship?

Scholarship awards will be announced at the Graduation Celebration in June.

9. What criteria will be used to evaluate my essay?

Essays will be evaluated in 4 areas:

- 1) Essay is written using proper grammar, sentence structure, and usage mechanics;*
- 2) Essay exhibits clear purpose, flow, and unity;*
- 3) Essay stays on topic and addresses questions,*
- 4) Bonus Points: Overall subject matter and impression*

10. What are examples of mistakes that may result in point deductions or disqualification of my application?

- Reference form is not in a signed sealed envelope (-2pts for each occurrence)*
- Envelope seal is not signed by person providing the reference (-2pts for each occurrence)*
- Reference form was not completed by appropriate individuals specified for each scholarship (-1pt for each occurrence)*
- Missing reference form (-3pts for each occurrence)*
- Transcript is not official (-3pts)*
- Exceeding the essay word limit (-3pts)*
- Academic transcript is missing from the application (application will not be reviewed)*
- No essay submitted (application will not be reviewed)*
- Part I or Part II was not submitted (application will not be reviewed)*
- Application component, except proof of college acceptance, submitted after the scholarship deadline date (requires approval of Scholarship Committee; -3pts for each item the Committee allows)*
- Applicant is not an official individual member of FCCC (application will not be reviewed. If membership is in process, student must inform the Scholarship Committee and complete the membership requirement by an extension date set by the Scholarship Committee).*

11. Who should I contact with questions about my application?

You may contact FCCC Student Resources at fccstudentresources@gmail.com about your application. For questions about the scholarship process, please contact Mrs. Kathleen Rodgers at the church 785-9673, ext. 10053, krodgers@worddome.net

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COUNSELOR'S REPORT

Applicant's Name _____

The above named applicant is applying for a scholarship offered by Faith Chapel Christian Center and is requesting an official high school transcript be submitted to the FCCC Scholarship Committee on his/her behalf.

The official transcript must:

- 1.) Reflect grades from **9th grade through 1st Semester of 12th grade**
- 2.) Be embossed or watermarked with the school symbol
- 3.) Be placed in a sealed envelope **along with this form**. (The envelope seal should be stamped with the school seal or signed by the school counselor or principal.)
- 4.) Be returned to the student for inclusion in his/her application packet.

To be completed by school counselor:

Counselor's Name (please print) _____

High School _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email address _____

Applicant's Composite ACT Score: _____

Applicant's Weighted GPA: _____

Applicant's Unweighted GPA (4.0 scale): _____

I attest that the above named applicant is a high school senior scheduled to graduate in Spring or Summer 2018. Enclosed is an official copy of his/her high school transcript.

Counselor's signature

Date



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REFERENCE FORM

Applicant's Section

Applicant's Name _____

The above named applicant is requesting a letter of support for his/her application for the following scholarship at Faith Chapel Christian Center:

- Academic Merit Scholarship
- Excellence in Athletics & Fine Arts Scholarship
- Lawson State Community College IPOP Scholarship
- Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
- Mary Moore Memorial Scholarship

Recommender's Section

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 (unremarkable) to 5 (outstanding) **ONLY** in the areas below in which you have firsthand knowledge. Circle N/A for any capacity in which you have not observed the applicant for a significant length of time. Circle only one option for each area listed.

Academic potential	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leadership abilities	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Motivation and initiative	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Overall character	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Commitment to service	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Please return this form in a signed sealed envelope to the applicant for inclusion in his/her application packet. You may feel free to also include a written letter of recommendation (addressed to FCCC Scholarship Committee).

I certify that all information provided in this reference is accurate to the best of my knowledge and reflects my personal familiarity of the applicant's character and abilities.

Signature

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