

2022-2023 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ATTENTION APPLICANT: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE
COMPLETING THE APPLICATION!

Enclosed is the application for the Apostolic Faith Church (AFC) Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded primarily based on church service, financial need, and academic achievement. It is essential that you comply with the following instructions to ensure your application and supporting documentation are properly completed. **All applications and supporting documentation are due on Sunday, May 29, 2022 by 12:00PM. Please note that the AFC Scholarship Committee will not accept late application submissions.**

Failure to comply with any of the listed requirements renders the applicant ineligible for scholarship consideration. AFC Scholarships are ***not*** an entitlement, nor does receiving one guarantee its continuation for subsequent years. Your submission of this application denotes your acknowledgement and acceptance of these terms.

Apostolic Faith Church Scholarships are awarded annually for eligible students to pursue an Associates or Bachelor's Degree on a full-time basis at an accredited institution of higher education for the entire academic year. These awards are made possible by the generous donations of Apostolic Faith Church members. ***Upon graduation, recipients are encouraged to contribute to and generate support for future students. As you reap from the harvest of those who have gone before you, be mindful to sow into the lives of those who will come after you.***

DISCLAIMER:

Please note that the AFC Scholarship Committee will not accept late application submissions. We will not assume responsibility for applications or supporting documentation not received by the deadline. All documents should be submitted by noon on Sunday May 29, 2022 or postmarked before the May 29, 2022 due date. **We do not assume responsibility for items mailed to the church's address.** All correspondence to the applicant, college or university will be based on the information listed on the application until a change is submitted in writing.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant **must** have been an active member of the Apostolic Faith Church for the past two years. Please note that parental membership/activity is not transferable to the student. Verify your membership status prior to submitting this application by contacting the AFC Membership Office at 773-373-8500, ext 313.
2. **New** applicants **must** have been an active member of a church auxiliary for the **past year**.
3. **Returning** applicants must either be a member of a church auxiliary or Christian faith-based campus ministry for the past year.
4. Applicant **must** have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0.
5. Applicants **must** attend school on a full-time basis, unless an exception has been arranged with your parents and the Ministry Leader of the AFC Scholarship Ministry.
6. Applicant **must** be 25 years of age or younger and must not reach 25th birthday by the application deadline.
7. Applicant **must** provide 25 hours of direct (**in-person**) service to the Apostolic Faith. Up to 5 of the 25 hours can come from each of the student's current AFC ministry (*i.e. Multimedia, Food Pantry, Teen Sunday School, Youth Usher, etc.*). **All 25 hours must be completed by Sunday March 25, 2023.**
8. All required documents **must** be submitted with this application by **12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2022** and include the following six items:
 - Completed AFC Scholarship Application

- Official or Unofficial Transcript (*See Submittal Note #3 below*).
 - New Applicants: Copy of college acceptance letter and financial aid report from the college or university that you are attending. Returning Applicants: Financial Aid Report
 - Personal Essays
 - Auxiliary Letter of recommendation
 - New Applicants: Letter of recommendation from the ministry leader of an AFC auxiliary.
 - Returning Applicants: Letter of recommendation from the ministry leader of an AFC auxiliary or faith-based campus ministry if you attend college outside of Illinois.
 - Letter of recommendation from a current teacher, coach, or mentor outside of AFC.
9. Applicants **must** be willing to complete videotaped statements of appreciation to the AFC congregation throughout their period of support.
10. Applicants **must** complete an in-person or virtual interview with several members of the AFC Scholarship Committee if they meet all scholarship eligibility requirements.

In light of the pandemic, we are still requiring students to meet the obligations and requirements of in-person volunteer service to the Apostolic Faith Church. No excuses will be accepted. If you cannot meet the requirements, please consider other scholarship options.

USE / DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

The AFC scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, or school housing and meal plan. The award amount will be released in two installments sent directly to the college or university. The release of the second installment is contingent upon the student maintaining the initial eligibility requirements, including monthly contact with a mentor assigned by the AFC scholarship committee and completion of half of the required service hours. **You must maintain a 2.5 GPA and submit your Fall 2022 official or unofficial transcript along with a copy of your volunteer sheet, where you have completed at least 12 hours at AFC by Saturday, December 31 2022 in order to receive your second installment. Email your volunteer log sheet to: scholarship@afcchicago.org. We will not accept any paper log sheets!** If the scholar owes money to their college or university, submit proof along with an unofficial transcript.

DOCUMENT DEADLINES:

Hardcopy scholarship applications with supporting documentation must be submitted to AFC with a postmark dated no later than **12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2022**. All information must be accurate and complete and will be held in strict confidence. If you have questions or concerns regarding this application, you may contact the AFC Scholarship Committee (773) 373-8500 ext 313.

SUBMITTAL NOTES:

1. Assemble the required documents in a **single envelope sized appropriately**.
2. Place your first and last name on **all documents** submitted as part of the application.
3. **Your Spring 2022 Official or Unofficial Transcript** must be included in the application. In the event that an official transcript is unavailable, please provide an unofficial transcript and a signed statement outlining why the official is not available. The statement should be signed by both the applicant and a parent. **Please note that the Scholarship Committee will not release funds to your institution until an official transcript is received.**

You may turn in your application in person after Sunday service to a scholarship representative in the foyer by noon on Sunday May 29, 2022. You may also mail your application, which must be postmarked before Sunday May 29, 2022.

Apostolic Faith Church
Attention: Scholarship Ministry
3823 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653



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SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION	
First Name: _____	Last Name: _____ Suffix: (please circle) Jr./ III/ IV/ V
Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Church Family ID Number _____	Personal Cell Phone: () _____ - _____
Personal Email: _____	School Email: _____
Permanent (Home) Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Home Phone Number: _____	
College of Enrollment: _____	Major: _____
Cumulative GPA: _____	Minor: _____
	2022-2023 Academic Classification (circle): FR SO JR SR
Applicant Status: <input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Applicant	
Where will you live during 2022-2023 academic school year? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> On campus <input type="checkbox"/> Off campus <input type="checkbox"/> At home <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain: _____)	
School Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
School Phone Number: _____	
How long have you been a member at AFC? _____ (years)	
Have you been baptized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
In which church activities have you been involved in the last 2 years? (Check all that apply.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Praise and Worship (e.g., Voices of Judah	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher Board <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama Ministry _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Television Ministry _____
Food Pantry	

SECTION II: FINANCIAL DATA- FOR ALL NEW AND RENEWAL APPLICANTS

Please indicate the amount of financial aid sources you have been awarded and other resources that will be used for the 2022-2023 academic school year. Also attach a copy of your financial aid award notice.

A. University Award #1 Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

B. University Award #2 Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

C. University Award #2 Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

D. Federal Pell Grant Amount: _____

E. SEOG Grant Amount: \$ _____

F. State of IL MAP Grant Amount: \$ _____

G. Direct Subsidized Loan Amount: \$ _____

H. Direct Unsubsidized Loan Amount: \$ _____

I. Additional Award #1- Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

J. Additional Award #2- Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

K. Additional Award #3- Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

L. Additional Award #4- Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

M. Additional Award #5- Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

University Financial Aid Office Information

Please print clearly. We will use the address to mail your scholarship correspondence and check.

Financial Aid Office Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Financial Aid Officer (or contact person): _____

Financial Aid Office Number: _____

Financial Aid Fax Number: _____

SECTION III: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please select two of the six questions to write your essay. Question #1 is required for all applicants to answer. Pick a second question to answer. Each answer should be one-page, 1.5-spaced typed, 12 pt. font, on 8 ½ x 11 white paper. Essays should be fully-developed and supported with Scripture, data, or other relevant sources as needed. Cite sources as needed.

1. Do you feel that you have any spiritual gifts? If so, in what ways are you using those gifts to serve God and others, especially at AFC?
2. What do you think is the role of the church in today's society?
3. How do you envision your involvement in ministry in the future?
4. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, what are some challenges that you have overcome?
5. How do you perceive the influence of social media on your generation?
6. Do you agree or disagree with the cancel culture movement and why? Cancel culture is a trending movement in which people will withdraw support from a public figure/celebrity based on their controversial comments or beliefs.



SECTION IV: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Please use this letter of recommendation template to apply for the scholarship

Dear Auxiliary/ Campus Leader:

You have been requested to write a letter of recommendation for a student applying for an Apostolic Faith Church Scholarship. The vision of the Apostolic Faith Church Ministry is to transform people into fully functioning missionaries for Christ. It is our mission to worship and glorify the Lord God and to create a Christian community of transformed followers of Jesus Christ. In lieu of this, our scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of church/Christian faith-based community service, academic excellence and financial need.

Your letter of recommendation will serve to verify that the applicant has made a consistent commitment to serve their local church /community through your Christian faith-based organization. We ask that letters of recommendation include your overall perception of the applicant's responsibility, leadership, discipline and service. Please sign and return this letter of request along with your recommendation to the applicant. We thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Apostolic Faith Church Scholarship Committee

Auxiliary/ Campus Leader Name

Auxiliary/ Campus Leader Signature

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Your letter of recommendation will strengthen the applicant's application by providing additional insight about the applicant not outlined elsewhere in the application. We ask that letters of recommendation include your overall perception of the applicant's character, responsibility, leadership, discipline and initiative, noting strengths and weaknesses that you have encountered in this student. Please sign and return this letter of request along with your recommendation to the applicant. We thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Apostolic Faith Church Scholarship Committee

Recommender Name

Recommender Signature

SECTION V: FINAL STEPS

I have answered all questions to the best of my ability and have completed and included the following materials (please check each category):

- 2022-2023 AFC Undergraduate Scholarship Application
- Official or Unofficial Transcript
- Copy of College Acceptance Letter (New Applicants Only)
- Copy of Financial Aid Report
- Personal Essays
- Letter of Recommendation from a chairperson of a church auxiliary or faith-based campus ministry in which you have been active for the past year. Include a signed copy of the attached Letter of Request.
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, coach, or mentor outside of the Apostolic Faith Church. Include a signed copy of the attached Letter of Request.

Applicant's Name (print) Applicant's Name (signed) Date

Guardian's Name (print) Guardian's Name (signed) Date
