

RICHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of the scholarship Fund is to assist any active member of RCC who has been called into Christian service and desires to pursue a Christian education in a college or seminary approved by the Elders.

Priority shall be given to students who are pursuing a seminary education with the goal of serving in the pastoral ministry within the Body of Christ.

Others that will also be considered are those seeking to serve in a Christian ministry including: missionaries, Christian educators, youth ministers, music ministers, or para-church organizations.

Since we as a body are committed to the priesthood of *all* believers, when funds are available, scholarships will be awarded to those who do not feel a call to pastoral ministry but will be ministering in the field to which they are called. (i.e. teaching, counseling etc.)

Qualifications:

- 1) One who is actively a part of and connected to the Body of Christ at RCC
- 2) Student must be accepted and enrolled in an approved Christian institution.
- 3) Student must have a minimum of 2.50 GPA.
- 4) The student will have demonstrated leadership qualities while attending RCC.
- 5) Student must demonstrate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be able to articulate their faith by sharing their Personal testimony.
- 6) Returning applicants must maintain a 3.00 GPA.
- 7) Priority will be given to students with the greatest financial need.

Exceptions:

While the above requirements are considered guidelines for determining the allocations for the church scholarship fund; exceptions can be made as long as the Board of Elders are in full agreement and the spirit of the scholarship fund is not violated. Exceptions will be made only if there is money available after qualified candidates have been considered.

II. FUNDING

- A. The Board of Elders will be responsible for appropriation of funds and notification to the congregation as to the status of funds.
- B. The Selection committee with the approval of the Board of Elders will prayerfully determine the maximum awarding of funds. The primary source of awards will be from, but not limited to the College Scholarship account (Modglin Foundation). Gifts may be designated and received at any time as contribution to this scholarship fund.

III. APPLICATION

- A. Applicants may apply for a scholarship by filling out a Scholarship Application Form, which is available in the Church office.
- B. Applications and letters of reference must be turned into the church office no later than noon on November 15, 2007.
- C. All applications and letters of reference will be forwarded to the chairman of the selection committee.

IV. SELECTION

- A. A selection committee consisting of the Pastor of Student Ministries, an elder, and two members of the Congregation (including a youth volunteer) will screen applications.
- B. To maintain continuity from year to year, at least two selection committee members must serve consecutive years.
- C. The selection committee will present to the Board of Elders their recommendation for scholarships at the following elders meetings. The final approval will be made on or before the June elders meeting. The awarding of funds may be to one or more which are deemed qualified to receive aid. The committee will base their recommendation on:
 - 1) Commitment to full time ministry
 - 2) Application of spiritual gifts
 - 3) Attitude and enthusiasm
 - 4) Financial considerations
 - 5) Academic achievement
 - 6) Membership status at RCC (or for renewing applicants: a local church approved by the Elders)
 - 7) Letters of reference (not to include family members or selection committee members)
- D. Scholarship(s) will be announced to the congregation via the bulletin and newsletter.
- E. Scholarship Awards will be forwarded directly to the applicant's account at their college or seminary.
- F. After selection is made all applications will be filed in the church office.

**RICHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP
Application Form**

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Education Major: _____ Ministry Goal: _____

Current School: _____ Next Year's Grade Level: _____

Read Carefully: "I waive my right to review the letters of recommendation that are submitted."

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Marital Status: _____ Phone Number: _____

How are you currently planning to finance your schooling?

References: List a minimum of two and include name, address, and phone number.

In addition to this form, the following must be submitted:

1. Two letters of recommendation.
2. A one page testimony/self evaluation. **
3. Most recent school transcript.

** Please include a brief testimony of what the Lord is doing in your life (how you are learning, growing), your current church involvement, past ministry experience, and where you believe the Lord is leading you at this time (toward what type of ministry).

When your application and testimony are complete, send them in the envelope provided in your packet. ***All pieces of your package must be in by November 15th.*** Plus... if your school offers matching funds for scholarships, it is your responsibility to get that form from your financial aid office and submit it to the scholarship committee. Thank you for taking the time to apply. We want to encourage you to keep your eyes on the Lord as you consider what field and where He is leading you!

RCC Scholarship Committee
5320 Richfield Rd.
Yorba Linda, Ca
(714) 524-1744

RCC Scholarship Recommendation Form

To the applicant: Please fill out the top section and then forward this form along with the addressed envelope to the person providing the reference.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Education Major: _____ Ministry Goal: _____

To the individual providing a recommendation: Please complete the information below and return it in the envelope that has been provided. If you have provided us with a recommendation for this same individual in the past, please concentrate on giving us a progress report on how you see the applicant today. Thank you for your time and consideration.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what role? _____

Your name and address: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Please rate the applicant in each of the following categories based on a scale of 1-5.
1=excellent 2=very good 3=average 4=below average 5=no judgment

____ Motivation	____ Self-discipline
____ Growth potential	____ Self-confidence
____ Warmth of personality	____ Honesty/integrity
____ Concern for others	____ Reliability
____ Work habits	____ Creative qualities
____ Reaction to setbacks	____ Leadership

Please also write us a paragraph that would include your observations of the applicant at this time. We would also ask that you include any recent accomplishments that you might be aware of, how you have seen their spiritual gifts or God-given talents used, and how you would currently rate their overall potential in vocational Christian ministry. Thank you again for your help.

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