

**VICTORY APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION**

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from high school. The members of the Scholarship Committee of Victory Apostolic Church are glad you have decided to apply for scholarship consideration.

In order that we may give all applicants sufficient consideration, we request that you follow the instructions below when submitting your application. You must have a 2.5 (or equivalent to a 4.0 scale) academic average in order to be eligible for all scholarships. Also, your application must be completed and submitted by ***Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 1 o'clock*** to be guaranteed consideration. The Baccalaureate Award Ceremony will be held ***Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 1:00pm.***

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community Service: (*List Activities and Years of Service*)**

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**Employment:**

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION/ ACADEMIC INSTITUTION**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In what capacity are you /or have you been associated with the applicant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How has the **applicant** demonstrated to you that he/she is a person of high moral Character? (Please be as specific as possible.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How has the applicant demonstrated to you that he/she is a person of high academic standards? (Please be as specific as possible.)





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Name of Person Making Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position in the Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
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4. In your view, what specific qualities does the applicant possess that will make him/her an asset to the college community, and deserving of this academic scholarship? (Please explain.)

5. Please provide any additional comments concerning the applicant that you believe are important for the committee to consider.

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## **CHECK LIST FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

**(Make sure your check list is complete.)**

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- Letter of Recommendation/Academic Institution**
  
- Letter of Recommendation/ Church Leader**
  
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(Up to 3 quarters of Senior year)**
  
- Essay (200 to 250 words typed, double spaced, 12 point font, one-inch margins)**

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
(Revised 2024)

Committee member's initials \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Year \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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***The Scholarship Committee***

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## **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GENERAL INFORMATION - READ CAREFULLY!**

In order to apply for the Graduate Scholarship, you **must**:

- **Have been enrolled** in an accredited program, for **at least one semester**. (A transcript showing your course work is required.)
- **You must have a Bachelor's, or Master's degree, and seeking an additional degree.**
- You will only be considered if you are **continuing** a Master's Professional Degree, or PhD. program.
- Submit the checklist which has been provided for your convenience.

In addition,

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Membership \_\_\_\_\_ **(this information  
must be included for consideration.)**

Name of the Academic Institution from which you previously graduated.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the College/University you are **currently** attending.  
\_\_\_\_\_

When was your degree program started? (date/year)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church Service **(indicate leadership roles, and include the dates of participation.)**  
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**BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE  
(continued)**

Memberships/Affiliations/Community Service

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Please submit the completed questionnaire with your application. Be sure to include your **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (in sealed envelope), or emailed to [scholarships@vachurch.net](mailto:scholarships@vachurch.net)**. Remember your application must be completed by ***Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.***



## **CHECK LIST FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**(Make sure your check list is complete.)**

- Completed Background Questionnaire including Photo**
- Official Transcript (in sealed envelop)**
- Proof of current enrollment in an Academic program**
- Essay (full page typed, double spaced, 12 point font, with one-inch margins).**

**NOTE: It is expected that you will attend the Scholarship ceremony. If you cannot attend please notify the church, and send a representative on your behalf.**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Committee member's initials \_\_\_\_\_

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