

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.

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- An **Official Transcript (in sealed envelope), or emailed to scholarships@vachurch.net** of your high school grades (***must include 1 semester, or two quarters from your Senior Year.***)
- A **current** letter of recommendation from one of your high school teachers or counselors ***addressed to Victory Apostolic Church (Letters of Recommendation from family members cannot be accepted).***
- A **current** letter of recommendation from an adult church leader of Victory Apostolic Church.
- A 200-to-250-word essay on the following topic, **"How will your Christian faith help you make better choices while attending college?"** The essay must be typewritten, 12-point font, one-inch margin, and double spaced.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Insert
Photo**

Photo must be approved

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

Date of Membership (Month / Year) _____

Student Member Number _____

High School _____

Intended College _____

Intended Major _____

Parent's Name _____

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Sophomore Year

Junior Year

Senior Year

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Sophomore Year

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Junior Year

Senior Year

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

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Employment:

Position _____	Dates _____
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APPLICATIONS**

(Make sure your check list is complete.)

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- Letter of Recommendation/Academic Institution**

- Letter of Recommendation/ Church Leader**

- Official Transcript Required (in sealed envelope), or emailed to scholarships@vachurch.net
(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 2026)

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- Scholarships are for students who are continuing their program this fall semester
- **2 current** letters of recommendation: one from an undergraduate instructor, and the other from a school advisor. Please have the letters addressed to: *Victory Apostolic Church (Letters of Recommendation from family members cannot be accepted).*
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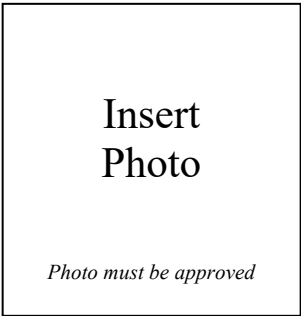
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Date of Membership (Month / Year) _____

Student Member Number _____

College/University _____

Undergraduate Year _____

Major _____

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION / ACADEMIC INSTITUTION**

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Person Making Recommendation: _____

Title: _____

7. How long have you known the applicant?

8. In what capacity are you /or have you been associated with the applicant?

9. How has the applicant demonstrated to you that he/she is a person of high moral character? (Please be as specific as possible.)

10. 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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11. In your view, what specific qualities does the applicant possess that will make him/her an asset to the college community? (Please explain.)

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

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- Letter of Recommendation/ School Advisor**

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Dear Applicant,

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- 3) You must have been enrolled in an accredited academic program for at least one semester

- 4) Your grades for the most recent grading period, ***and*** your **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (in sealed envelope), or emailed to scholarships@vachurch.net**.

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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,

- Applicants can only receive one award per degree
- **Enrichment** programs do not qualify for this scholarship program.
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Insert
Photo

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

Date of Membership (Month / Year) _____

Student Member Number _____

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.**)

**BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE
(continued)**

Memberships/Affiliations/Community Service

Academic Organizations

Current Employment

Please submit the completed questionnaire with your application. Be sure to include your **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (in sealed envelope) or emailed to scholarships@vachurch.net**

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CHECK LIST FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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- Official Transcript (in sealed envelope)**
- 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.

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(Revised 2026)