



Dear Applicant:

Christian Greetings from the Youth Division!

We appreciate the interest you have shown in the *Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Program* and are providing you the needed information and various application forms.

The General Youth Division offers scholarships in the amounts of \$1,500.00 and \$2,500.00 each. Students desiring to attend a UPCI endorsed Bible College or Graduate School may apply for a *Sheaves for Christ* scholarship if they are under 25 years of age on February 1st, the application deadline.

Attached to this letter you will find scholarship guidelines, the application form and the following three reference forms: Pastoral Reference, Scholastic Reference, and Employment Reference. Detailed information is given in the accompanying guidelines regarding all of the required forms. ***It is your responsibility*** to see that your complete application, the respective references from your pastor, school, and/or employer, and a copy of your Student Aid Report or CanLearn Potential Assistance Calculation are on file in our office ***no later than February 1***. The reference forms ***must*** be mailed by the pastor, school representative, and employer. It is suggested that you provide them with a stamped envelope addressed to the Youth Division. Also, be sure to remind your school that an official sealed transcript of your most recent grades ***must*** accompany the scholastic reference. Further, please remember that a copy of your ACT or SAT results ***must*** accompany your completed application, unless applying for the Graduate School scholarship. Canadian applicants ***must*** include a copy of the results of your most recently completed Provincial Exams.

Remember, in order for your application to be valid, ***every*** question or blank must be answered completely, and a recent photo ***must*** be attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write us at the Youth Division. May God's best be yours!

Sincerely,

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I. Eligibility:

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Since the scholarship is funded by *Sheaves for Christ* offerings derived from United Pentecostal Churches of the United States and Canada, applicants must also be citizens of these countries and active members of United Pentecostal Churches. Applicants for upperclassman or graduate scholarships must have been members of a United Pentecostal Church prior to their time as students.

II. Award Categories:

The *Sheaves for Christ* scholarship program makes available 12 scholarships for each academic year. Of these, up to four are Level One awards in the amount of \$2,500.00; the remainder are Level Two awards in the amount of \$1,500.00.

These 12 scholarships are awarded to students in three different categories.

Category 1: Eight scholarships awarded to Bible College freshmen.
Of the eight awards, as many as three can be Level One.

Category 2: Three scholarships awarded to Bible College upperclassmen.
Of the three awards, as many as one can be Level One.

Category 3: This category consists of one Level Two award for a first year, full-time graduate student.

III. Application Process:

A. The application deadline for all scholarships is February 1st. All application materials must be **received** in the General Youth Division offices by **5 p.m. on February 1st**. Should February 1st fall on a weekend; application materials are due by 5 p.m. the next business day. ***Incomplete, late, or faxed materials will not be considered.***

Applications submitted at this time are designated for the academic year beginning the fall of that year. The completed application, essay, and forms are to be mailed to the General Youth Division.

B. Reference forms and a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope are to be given to all applicable persons. Applicant should make clear to the individual the importance of the February 1st deadline, and that the form must be submitted by mail. For an application to be considered, at least two references must be on file: a pastoral reference and either a scholastic or employer reference.

C. College Entrance Exams: Freshman applicants are encouraged to complete the ACT or SAT no later than the summer following their junior year of high school/secondary school. This will allow sufficient time to provide the results of the test. Canadian applicants must submit the results of their most recently completed provincial exams, or the results of the GMAT. Applicants for the Graduate School scholarship need not provide ACT/SAT/Provincial results.

D. Free Application for *Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*: *United States applicants* are required to complete the FAFSA. Further information and application submission can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Completion of the application generates a *Student Aid Report (SAR)*. Included in the SAR is an *Expected Family Contribution*, which the award committee will use in considering your application for the scholarship.

When completing the *FAFSA* form, if you have not received your current tax information then the previous year's tax information can be used. Follow the steps listed on the FAFSA homepage: "1. Before Beginning a FAFSA, 2. Filling Out a FAFSA, and 3. FAFSA Follow-Up." You will be asked to select the schools that you wish to receive the *SAR*. Since UPCI endorsed institutions are not currently listed among the available choices, you will need to select an alternate secular university in order to process the form. However, you can request that a copy of the *SAR* be sent directly to you. Include the copy sent to you with your scholarship application materials sent to the General Youth Division. *Please note that receipt of the SAR may take as much as four weeks following submission of the FAFSA.*

Online *FAFSA* submission: It is recommended that you submit the FAFSA application online rather than complete the paper form. Processing of the application is much faster and you are automatically emailed a copy of the *SAR*.

E. *CanLearn Student Loan Estimator*: *Canadian applicants* are required to complete the *Student Loan Estimator* provided by CanLearn. This estimator is available online through www.canlearn.ca. Once at this page, select *English to enter the site*. Select the *Student Loans, Grants and Scholarships* portion at the top of the left-hand column. At this page, under *Useful Links* in the center section select "Student Financial Assistance Estimator (SFAE)." Follow the instructions carefully and enter all of the requested information correctly and honestly. When asked for the Province of Study, select your province of residence unless you intend to attend Northeast Christian College in New Brunswick.

Once you have entered all of the information, the program will process your information and provide you a page titled "Potential Assistance". This amount is the estimate that you might receive from all Canadian loan opportunities. Print this page and include it with your application materials.

IV. Grading Process:

All applications are evaluated against other applications submitted to the same category. Applicants are required to designate and qualify for the Category for which they are applying. Winners may apply their award to any UPCI endorsed school that they choose to attend within the category of their award. The level of the award given (\$1,500.00 or \$2,500.00) will be determined by the award committee.

Applications will be graded by the Sheaves for Christ Scholarship committee. This committee consists of five to seven members of the General Youth Committee. Each year their selections will be presented for final approval by the Executive and/or General Board of the UPCI. Upon that final approval, the applicants will be notified by mail of their winning status. The General Youth Division will also notify the Bible College that each winner intends to attend.

Since the scholarship is awarded to the individual student, that student may elect to change his intended school prior to entering the college. However, once a student has begun classes at a particular college, he may not transfer to another college during the academic year and still maintain his scholarship for that year.

In the event that no applicant is deemed worthy of the scholarship in any particular category, the scholarship committee reserves the right to withhold awarding a scholarship in that category for that year.

V. Distribution Process:

Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the selected school at the beginning of each semester. Monies will be released upon notification by the college that the student is registered on campus as a full-time student, as defined by that institution. Additionally, second semester payments will be released if the recipient has maintained a 3.00 GPA (4.00 scale) for the first semester. Should the recipient's GPA fall below 3.00, funds will be withheld until the student presents written explanation to the Executive Youth Committee. Upon review of the student's explanation, the Executive Youth Committee will determine whether or not to release second semester funds.

Since these scholarships are awarded to a particular student, any unused awards will not be reassigned to alternate students. Also, awards not used during the designated academic year (the fall following the February application deadline) will be forfeited.

Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis. To apply for a renewal of support, the entire application process must be repeated for each year in which the student hopes to benefit from a scholarship.

Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Application

General Youth Division
8855 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042-2299
314-837-7300
youth@generalyouthdivision.org

DIRECTIONS: Application should be typed or printed legibly. The essay is to be typed and double-spaced. It is your responsibility to see that your completed application is **received** at the Youth Division offices by **February 1**. Your application will not be complete until proper reference forms, current school transcripts, SAT/ACT/Provincial Exam results, essay, and Student Aid Report/CanLearn Potential Assistance Estimate are on file in our office. Return the application to the above address. Fax submissions will not be accepted.

Please attach recent photo here.

The photo should be approximately the same size as this box.

Application cannot be considered without photo.

Personal Information

Date: _____ Citizenship: _____ United States _____ Canada

Name: _____ Sex (circle one): Male Female

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Soc. Sec #: _____

Correspondence Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address (If different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District (If different than *State*): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Secondary Telephone Number: (____) _____

Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Widowed Divorced

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Marital Status of Parent's or Guardian (circle one): Single Married Widowed Divorced

Scholastic History

Schools Attended						
Name	City/State	Major	GPA	Dates Attended	Grad. Date	Degree
				/ to _/_		
				/ to _/_		
				/ to _/_		
				/ to _/_		

If you need more space, continue on a separate piece of paper.

List any other scholastic information relevant to your application (i.e. honors, awards, clubs, etc.)

Note: Remember to submit a copy of your ACT/SAT or Provincial Exam results with your application.

Employment History

Beginning with the most recent (list only three):

Company Name	Address	Dates Employed	Full or Part Time?	Job title & brief description
		/ to _/_		
		/ to _/_		
		/ to _/_		

Academic Budget Projection

(Please accurately estimate expenses and revenue for the entire academic year.)

Expenses:	Amount	Subtotal
Tuition and Fees:		
Tuition and Fees	_____	
Books and Supplies	_____	_____
Transportation:		
Vehicle Maintenance Costs	_____	
Payments	_____	
Insurance	_____	
Other Travel (Airfare, bus, etc)	_____	_____
Room and Board:		
Dormitory	_____	
Food	_____	
Rent	_____	
Utilities	_____	
Telephone	_____	_____
Personal Expenses:		
Clothing	_____	
Laundry	_____	
Health Insurance	_____	
Other insurance	_____	
Recreational	_____	
Other monthly costs	_____	_____
Total Expenses		_____

Financial Resources:

Available Income for Academic Year:		
Bank or Private Educational Loans	_____	
Personal Earnings	_____	
Parental Support	_____	_____
Scholarships Received:		
Name: _____	_____	_____
Federal Benefits (if any):		
G. I. Bill	_____	
Social Security	_____	
Other	_____	_____

Describe any unusual personal expenses or income situations that make it difficult for you and your family to contribute to the cost of your education: _____

Balance Sheet:

Total Expenses	_____
Less Total Financial Resources	_____
Unmet Financial Need	_____

Christian Service

Have you been baptized in Jesus Name? _____ Date _____ Place _____

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4?

_____ Date _____ Place _____

Name of the United Pentecostal Church you currently attend: _____

Church address: _____

How long have you attended this church? _____

Pastor's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Are you now living a consistent Christian life to the best of your ability? _____

List and describe any church related activities in which you have been or are now involved (youth ministry, Bible quizzing, Sunday school, choir, orchestra, evangelism, etc.) _____

Do you feel a call to any particular area of Christian service? _____

Explain: _____

Additional Information

Are there any other circumstances you would like us to consider in evaluating your application?

Academic Interests

Indicate below which UPCI endorsed institutions you are interested in attending. If you are interested in more than one, please indicate up to three choices in order of preference. Should you win the scholarship, we will use this information to notify the institution of your award status and your interest.

_____ Apostolic Bible Institute
St. Paul, Minnesota

_____ Gateway College of Evangelism
St. Louis, Missouri

_____ Christian Life College
Stockton, California

_____ Texas Bible College
Lufkin, Texas

_____ Indiana Bible College
Indianapolis, Indiana

_____ Urshan Graduate School
St. Louis, Missouri

_____ Northeast Christian College
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Concerning your pursuit of a college education, please complete the following statement:

This fall, I will be in the _____ year of a _____ year curriculum and expect to graduate

in _____ (month) of 20__ with a _____ degree in _____ (major).

Essay

On separate paper, express in your own words why you would like to attend Bible College or Graduate School. Explain what contribution you believe Christian education can make to your life and how you plan to utilize the benefits in your future. The essay should be 350-500 words, typed, and double spaced.

Category Selection

Please indicate the scholarship category for which you are applying: (Select only one)

_____ Category 1: Bible College freshmen

_____ Category 2: Bible College upperclassman

_____ Category 3: First year Graduate student

Certification

To the best of my ability, I believe that all of the information submitted with this application and all of the information submitted to FAFSA/CanLearn is true, current, and accurate.

Applicant's signature

Date

Pastor's signature (required)

Date

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Return application to:

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Sheaves for Christ Scholarship
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Application Checklist

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Photo
- _____ Typed essay
- _____ Applicant's signature
- _____ Pastor's signature
- _____ Pastor has received Reference Form.
- _____ All schools have received a copy of the Scholastic Reference Form.
**Be certain that an official sealed transcript is included.*
- _____ Employer Reference Form has been given to the most recent employer.
- _____ ACT / SAT or Provincial Exam results
- _____ Copy of Student Aid Report or CanLearn Potential Assistance Estimate

* This checklist is for the applicant's use only. Please do not mail it with your application.