

Sheaves for Christ (SFC) Scholarship Applications

Frequently Asked Questions

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Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Applicant Requirements and Scholarship Availability:

1. Who can apply for a SFC Scholarship?

- a. US or Canadian Citizen
- b. Under 25 years of age on February 1st
- c. Full-time Bible College student
- d. Do **not** have to live on college campus

2. How many scholarships are available?

12 (see page 3-Section II of the SFC Scholarship Application Guidelines for full details).

3. How much are SFC Scholarships worth?

- a. The SFC Scholarship for Level One recipients is \$2,500.00, and for Level Two recipients is \$1,500.00.
- b. See page 3-Section II of the SFC Scholarship Application Guidelines for full details and Level One/Level Two explanation.

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Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Application Deadline and Requirements:

1. What is the application deadline?

5:00 PM, February 1st of the year prior to enrollment.

2. What if February 1st falls on a weekend?

Your application must be in by 5:00 PM the Monday after February 1st.

3. Can my application be postmarked February 1st?

No. Your application—including photo, reference forms, FAFSA/CanLearn, ACT/SAT/Provincial Exams, Essay, and transcripts—must be received on or before February 1st.

4. Does my SFC Scholarship application need to be typed?

- a. Typed applications are preferred. If you do not have capabilities to type the application answers, then please print legibly.
- b. The only exception to this is the essay which must be typed and double-spaced.

5. Can I mail the application and reference forms in the same envelope to the General Youth Division?

Yes, as long as all reference forms are in sealed envelopes signed by the person who filled out the form.

6. What information is required for the SFC application?

- a. The following pages are required: Personal Information, Scholastic and Employment History, Christian Service, Academic Interests, and Budget Projection.
- b. Current photo (wallet or passport size)
- c. Essay (350-500 words, typed and double spaced)
- d. Your signature and your pastor's signature
- e. Reference forms

7. Will my application be approved without my pastor's signature?

No. You must have your pastor sign your application before submitting it to the General Youth Division.

8. Are faxed copies of my application, essay, reference forms, or transcripts accepted?

No—originals only.

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Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Reference Forms Questions:

1. How many reference forms are required?

- a. Pastoral Reference Form is required for all applicants.
- b. Scholastic and/or Employer Reference Form –if possible, include both.
- c. If you have not held a job, the Employer Reference Form is not required.
- d. If you are a UGST student and have not attended college for several years, the Scholastic Form is not required.

2. If I was home schooled, who can fill out my Scholastic Reference Form?

The person that oversees the home school process, a Sunday School teacher, music teacher, or other type of teacher are all acceptable references.

3. Will my application be approved without a reference form?

- a. The Pastoral Reference Form is required. Your application will be considered incomplete if it is not received by our office.
- b. One or both the Employer and/or Scholastic Forms are required.

Transcript Questions:

1. Are transcripts required?

- a. Yes, we must receive a copy of your transcripts in order for your application to be considered complete.
- b. Transcripts should be an official sealed copy.

2. Where do I obtain a copy of my transcripts?

- a. It is requested that whoever fills out your Scholastic Reference Form submits an official copy of your transcripts. However, these may also be submitted directly from the school office.
- b. If you are home-schooled, the person that processes your grades or the institution that processes your tests should be able to supply you with a copy of your transcripts and GPA.

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ACT/SAT/Provincial Exams Questions:

3. **Do I have to have an ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam score to apply for a SFC Scholarship?**
 - a. If you are a Bible College Freshman you need to include your ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam scores.
 - b. Bible College Upperclassman should include your ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam scores.
 - c. UGST students are not required to include their ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam scores.
4. **Where can I get a copy of my ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam scores?**
 - a. When you take your ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam, you can request that a copy be sent to the General Youth Division.
 - b. Your high school/home school institute or college should have a copy of your ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam scores.
5. **What if I didn't take my ACT/SAT/Provincial Exams due to the fact that they were not required by my school/state/college?**

Include a letter of explanation along with your application as to why the ACT/SAT/Provincial Exam scores were not included.

FAFSA (SAR)/CanLearn Questions:

1. **What does FAFSA stand for?**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid
2. **What does SAR stand for?**

Student Aid Report
3. **Is FAFSA (SAR)/CanLearn information required?**

Yes
4. **How do I apply for FAFSA/CanLearn?**

See page 4-Section III, subsection D through subsection E for full details.
5. **What if I do not have my current tax information for the FAFSA/CanLearn application?**

You can use the previous year's information to fill out the FAFSA/CanLearn application.
6. **The FAFSA does not recognize Bible Colleges; how do I complete the application?**

You can substitute another school with a similar tuition fee on the application.
7. **Do I have to send in an official copy of the FAFSA/CanLearn results?**
 - a. No. You can apply for the FAFSA/CanLearn information online and print a copy of the report that you receive online or via email.
 - b. You can also request that a copy be mailed to our office if it will arrive by February 1st of the applicable year.

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Scholarship Application Information Questions:

- 1. How do I know what my “District” is?**
 - a. Your district is usually your state—Arkansas District, Missouri District, etc. However, there are several exceptions—Texas, New York, New Jersey, California, etc. For example, if you live in the state of Texas you can either be part of the Texas District, Texico District, or South Texas District. The state of California can be the Western District or Southern California (So Cal) District. New York State can be New York District or New York Metro District. There are several other exceptions.
 - b. If you are not certain which district your area is considered to be a part of you can ask your pastor, section leader, or district youth president. You can also contact the UPCI headquarters in Hazelwood, MO (World Evangelism Center) at 314.837.7300.

- 2. What information is needed on the “Scholastic History” page?**

List your high school and any college(s) you have attended, GPA, dates attended, date graduated, and degree/diploma received.

- 3. What is a GPA?**

GPA—Grade Point Average

- 4. How do I find out what my GPA is?**

Your school or the institution that processes your home school materials should be able to provide you with your official GPA.

- 5. What information is needed on the “Employment History” page?**

Your current or last held job and two previous jobs, dates employed (or approximate dates), whether you were full or part time, and your job title and job description.

- 6. What if I have never had a job?**

Print or type “N/A” into the first field of the “Employment History.”

- 7. For the “Academic Budget Projection,” is this information to be exact totals and how long are the totals to cover?**
 - a. Estimate approximate total costs for each section of the “Budget Projection” sheet—Tuition and Fees, Transportation, Room and Board, Personal Expenses, and Financial Resources (Income).
 - b. You should estimate approximate total costs for one academic year.

- 8. What if I do not know the cost of tuition for my Bible College of choice for the Budget Projection page of the SFC application?**

You must contact the Bible College you wish to attend and ask them for this information. You can go to their website or contact the admissions office.

- 9. Do I have to mark more than one Bible College on the “Academic Interests” page?**

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No. If you know what Bible College you are attending, list only that college. If you are unsure as to which Bible College you will be attending, you can mark up to three choices in preference order 1-3.

10. On the “Academic Interests” page, how do I fill in the section that reads, “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”?

- a. “I will be in the ___ year of a ___ year curriculum..” This refers to which year of the program—are you in your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year, and how many total years will it take you to complete the curriculum (1, 2, 3, 4, etc).
- b. “...expect to graduate in the ___ (month) of 20__ with a _____ degree in _____ major” This refers to the month and year you estimate will be your graduation date, what degree you will receive upon graduation, and in what major your degree will be in.

Example:

- c. This fall, I will be in the 1st year of a 4 year curriculum and expect to graduate in May (month) of 20 14 with a Bachelor’s degree in Theological Studies major.

11. What if I do not know what my degree or major is?

You can go to the Bible College’s website or contact the administration office.

12. How do I know if I am a Bible College freshman or upperclassman?

- a. If you are graduating from high school you will be considered a Bible College freshman.
- b. If you have attended/graduated from college, contact the Bible College admissions office and ask them if you are considered a freshman or upperclassman—this will depend upon the number of credits you will transfer or what type of Bible College program you are applying for.

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Scholarship Awards and Payment Information Questions:

1. How are SFC Scholarships awarded?

SFC Scholarships are graded by members of the General Youth Committee. Each area of the application is graded and the accumulative grade is the determining factor. Those with the highest accumulative grade will be eligible to receive a scholarship. The UPCI Executive Board must approve the list of recipients.

2. How will I know if I am a recipient of a SFC Scholarship?

The GYD will mail a letter to each applicant informing them whether or not they will receive a SFC Scholarship.

3. How will the Bible School of my choice know that I am a SFC Scholarship recipient?

The GYD will mail a letter to each Bible College informing them of the SFC recipients for their college.

4. Do I receive the full SFC Scholarship amount once I am informed that I am a recipient?

No. The scholarship payments are divided in half. The first payment will be received upon enrollment. The second payment will be received once you meet the GPA requirements outlined on page 5-Section V of the SFC Scholarship Application Guidelines.

5. When will I receive the SFC Scholarship payment?

- a. You must enroll in Bible College. Upon enrollment, ask your registrar to write the GYD a letter confirming your enrollment. Once we receive an enrollment confirmation letter, we will send the Bible College a check for the first semester payment (equal to half the total scholarship).
- b. At the end of your first semester or beginning of your second semester of Bible College, remind your registrar to send the GYD a letter and copy of your transcripts. If you meet the GPA requirements—outlined on page 5-Section V of the SFC Scholarship Application Guidelines—we will send the Bible College a check for the second semester payment (equal to half the total scholarship).

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Other Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How will I know if my SFC application has been received by the General Youth Division?

The GYD will email you a confirmation that your application has been received by our office.

2. How will I know if my reference forms, transcripts, etc have been received by GYD?

The GYD will email you about any missing information and request that you follow-up to ensure its arrival to our office.

3. Where do I send my Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Application, Reference Forms, and Transcripts?

Send all materials related to your Sheaves for Christ Scholarship Application to the General Youth Division, Sheaves for Christ Scholarship, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042.

4. What can I do if none of the *Frequently Asked Questions* have answered my question?

If you have any other questions not explained above, feel free to contact our office at youth@generalyouthdivision.org.