

First Evangelical Free Church



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Amount

Up to \$10,000 paid in installments for the school year

Purpose

The First Free Church Scholarship program exists to assist financially those qualified individuals (minimum undergrad junior status) seeking to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Scholarships will only be given to students who intend to pursue a full-time Christian vocation. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of church and ministry experiences, potential for future ministry, financial need, and academic performance.

(6/22/2017)

Applications must be received by the First Free Church Office no later than April 30th for summer or fall semester or October 31st for spring semester.

Application Guidelines

1. Applicant must be working toward a degree in a fully accredited college, university or seminary.
2. Applicant must be a member or regular attendee in good standing of First Free Church or have a special circumstance.
3. Applicant must submit :
 - a. An application that will include the following:
 - 1) A written testimony of salvation and your personal walk with Christ
 - 2) A written explanation of why you want to attend an institution which will prepare you for Christian ministry
 - 3) A written explanation of the focus of your degree
 - 4) A written explanation of your future educational and ministry goals and aspirations
 - b. Two recommendation forms with attached letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes) from the following:
 - Pastor or Ministry Director from First Free Church
 - Academic or employment supervisor
 - c. Any necessary forms that might be required for the church to complete if the school offers a church matching fund
 - d. Current Official Transcript (in a sealed envelope) from your school displaying all classes completed, grades and credit earned to date, cumulative GPA and reflecting that the student has attained undergraduate junior status level.
4. Applicant will be considered on the basis of church and ministry experience, potential for future ministry, financial need and academic performance.
5. Full-time students will receive priority over part-time students. Full and part-time status will be defined by your school as stated on the completed application.
6. Applicant must have established a 2.5/4.0 average at the time of application and maintain a 3.0/4.0 academic record while carrying a minimum course load as established by your school. Student must request a current official transcript at the end of each semester that should be placed in a sealed envelope and promptly sent to the First Free Church Scholarship Committee. An unofficial transcript or grade report will be acceptable until the official transcript is available in order for payment to be made for the next semester.
7. The applicant must submit a copy of the next semester's bill with due date before funds are transferred.
8. Applicant must consent to a personal interview by members of the committee, if requested to do so.
9. Scholarship Funds will only be paid directly to the respective institution's financial office.
10. Scholarships are not automatically renewed for succeeding school years. Current recipients must reapply for continued eligibility on the **Re-application Form** for renewal.
11. Scholarship recipients are responsible for notifying First Free Church immediately of any changes via the **Notification of Change of Status Form**. These changes may refer to any changes on the original forms or changes that affect the successful completion of the school year.
12. The Scholarship committee reserves the right to revise and make exceptions to the guidelines.
13. Applications must be received by the First Free Church Office no later than April 30th for summer or fall semester or October 31st for spring semester.

Financial Information

Documentation of finances is needed to determine financial need.

What is the cost to attend 1 year: (Please attach detailed list with tuition, course fees, books, etc. itemized)

Student's Gross Income: _____ Family Gross Income: _____

Number of Family Members currently in College: _____

Please list all scholarships, grants and loans that you will be receiving this year:

Do you plan to continue as a full-time part-time student

Provide your school's definition of full-time _____ part-time _____ enrollment.

Relationship with First Evangelical Free - Church Member Regular Attendee

How often do you attend First Free Church _____ another church _____

Please elaborate:

Please list church activities in which you have participated at First Free Church:

Activity	Dates	Comments

Church and Ministry Information

Church and Ministry

Are you involved in Christian work assignments connected with your school or involvement with activities in the church you attend while at school?

Yes No

Please elaborate:

Academic and Employment History

Academic History:

Please list most recent college first.

Name of college	Dates of attendance	Degree earned	Date earned

Employment History:

Please list most recent employment first.

Employer	Dates of employment	Job responsibilities

Other Information

Please list any factors – financial or otherwise - that you feel should be taken into account by the scholarship committee reviewing this request:

Please attach a copy of your FAFSA to help us determine your financial need. If you do not have a current FAFSA, contact Diana Hamachek at the church office and she will contact the scholarship committee.

Written Responses

Please submit a maximum one page, double spaced, typed response to each of the following:

1. A written testimony of salvation and your personal walk with Christ.
2. A written explanation of why you want to attend an institution which will prepare you for Christian ministry.
3. A written explanation of the focus of your degree.
4. A written explanation of your future educational and ministry goals and aspirations.

Please have the **Academic/Employment Recommendation Form**, along with letter of recommendation from an academic or employment supervisor, completed and given to you in a sealed envelope then attach it to your application.

Please have the **Ministry Recommendation Form**, along with letter of recommendation from a pastor or ministry director of First Evangelical Free Church completed and given to Diana Hamachek in the main office.

**First Evangelical Free Church Scholarship Application
Academic/Employment Recommendation Form**

Candidate's Name _____

The Scholarship Committee appreciates and thanks you for taking the time to carefully complete this survey. Also, attach at least a ½ page letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope. The applicant has waived the right to see this completed form. When completed, please give to applicant in a sealed envelope along with your letter. You may elaborate further on the areas listed below in the recommendation letter.

Approximately how long have you known this applicant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years
	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 years

In what capacity have you known this applicant? (Employment supervisor? Academic advisor? Professor? In what circumstances?)	
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Using only your <u>personal observation</u> , check all that apply to the applicant's strengths or characteristics.	Leadership: <input type="checkbox"/> at school <input type="checkbox"/> in community <input type="checkbox"/> at work
	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion for others <input type="checkbox"/> Academics
	<input type="checkbox"/> Willingness to Help/Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conscientious <input type="checkbox"/> Determination
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing Personality <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Maturity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consideration of others <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiasm
	<input type="checkbox"/> Polite/Courteous <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Humor

Rating Scale: 3-Exceeds Expectations; 2-Satisfactory Progress; 1-Needs Development	Rating
1. Exhibits a teachable spirit	1. _____
2. Demonstrates organization, thoroughness, and neatness in work	2. _____
3. Demonstrates ability to communicate well with supervisors	3. _____
4. Works well with others	4. _____
5. Accepts constructive criticism in a positive way	5. _____
6. Demonstrates ability to prioritize and accomplish tasks in a timely fashion	6. _____

Based on your relationship with and knowledge of this applicant, do you feel this individual is desirous of using his/her skills and abilities in serving others? _____

Based on your relationship with and knowledge of this applicant, are you aware of any negative characteristics or work ethic that would prevent this individual from serving others? _____

Based on my relationship with and knowledge of this applicant I strongly support support do not support this candidate.

Evaluator's printed name _____	Date _____
Signature _____	

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Ministry Recommendation Form**

Candidate's Name _____

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Approximately how long have you known this applicant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 years	
Describe the kind of interaction that you had with this applicant. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Close	<input type="checkbox"/> Casual	<input type="checkbox"/> Observation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Please explain on the back of this page.		

Using only your <u>personal observation</u> , check all that apply to the applicant's strengths or characteristics.	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Commitment	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input type="checkbox"/> Growing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mature
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conscientious		<input type="checkbox"/> Academics	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelistic		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conscientious		<input type="checkbox"/> Determination	
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Signature _____

Application Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could interfere with the truthfulness and accuracy of this application.

I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf.

I have read the First Evangelical Free Church Scholarship Guidelines/requirements and I meet all stated conditions of eligibility.

If selected as a scholarship recipient, I will abide by the terms and regulations of the scholarship.

If selected as a scholarship recipient the applicants' name and school will be announced to the congregation of First Free Church.

I am solely responsible for completing the application form, for the answers and written responses (with exception of the recommendation responses).

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

Scholarship Applications are available on line at www.firstfreerockford.org.

All scholarship applications must be completely filled out and turned in to the church office to the attention of Diana Hamachek by October 31st for spring semester or April 30th for the summer or fall semester. Applications not received by these date will not be considered for that semester.

Members of the scholarship committee are Barbara Swanson (chairperson), Colleen Clinton (secretary), Jim Binder and Vesta Gillette.

If you have any question about the scholarship or completing the form, please contact Diana Hamachek at the church office, and she will have one of the committee members return your call.

