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Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic Education Cover Letter

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to offer this application for the Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic Education. This scholarship has its own requirements and deadlines.

Scholarship applicants can only receive one academic scholarship per calendar year.

Academic Scholarship:

The Academic Scholarship will be awarded once a calendar year. Applications will be accepted starting January 1st of each year and the deadline for submitting applications will be May 1st of each year. Decision will be made in May and the scholarship will be granted in June.

The Academic Scholarship only covers the following expenses: College Tuition, Books/Fees, Student Loan Payoff, Transportation.

To be considered for this Peace Church Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria. You must be:

- Must be a Peace Church member or regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months prior to making application
 - *Grandchild, close relatives or those living with active members may be considered

If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact the church office or see attached Scholarship documents for more details and dates. May God bless you in your academic endeavor!

Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic Education Application Checklist

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP:

A completed application package consists of the following required materials:

- Completed Application Form
- Official Transcript of Grades
- Essay/Personal Statement (400 words or less)
 - For Academic Applicants:
 - Applicants must submit a typed essay discussing your academic, professional, spiritual, and personal goals. Please describe the interests you plan to explore in college or postsecondary education.
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0
- Application must be postmarked, submitted electronically or handed in person on or before May 1st.

Completed applications should be submitted by mail or in person to the church office:

**Peace Church Pearland
Scholarship Team
2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503
Pearland, TX 77584**

**OR
By Email to office_manager@peacepres.net**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail and/or email.

**Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic Education
Scholarship Application**

Peace Presbyterian Church

Academic Scholarship Deadline Date: May 1st of Each Year

PLEASE ATTACH TYPED ESSAY AFTER APPLICATION

ACADEMIC YEAR: _____

Applicant's
Legal Name in Full
(Print/Type)

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Mailing Address

Number, Street, and Apartment Number

City

State

ZIP

Phone Number

E-mail address

Parent's Full Name **(if Applicant is a Minor):** _____

To be considered for this Peace Church Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria. You must be:

1. Must be a Peace Church member/regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months prior to making application.
 - o *Grandchild, close relatives or those living with active members may be considered

Have you been a Peace Church Member/ regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months?

Circle One: Yes No

2. Describe your academic goals:

3. Describe your financial need:

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOOL/PROGRAM YOU WANT THE SCHOLARSHIP TO GO TOWARDS

What will you be studying? _____

Where? Complete Name of School/Program _____

Address of School/Program _____

APPLICANT'S EDUCATION

Academic Institution Currently Attending _____

City, State of Academic Institution _____

Projected Graduation Date _____ Current Cumulative GPA _____

Please list your honors, awards, and special recognition: _____

Please list your talents and special skills: _____

FOR POST GRADUATE APPLICANTS

Date of last degree _____ Degree received _____

We especially want to support applicants who are active in Peace Church Pearland, in their school, and community. This section is for applicants to discuss their participation in church, voluntary, extracurricular, civic, community, and humanitarian organizations. It offers space for sharing your contributions as a leader and team member including philanthropic endeavors (e.g., mentoring a younger student). Include Activity, Role and Dates.

ATTACH ESSAY TO APPLICATION (DESCRIBED IN CHECKLIST)

Essay/Personal Statement (400 words or less) - Applicants must submit a typed essay discussing your academic, professional, spiritual, and personal goals. Please describe the interests you plan to explore in college or postsecondary education.

CONFIDENTIALITY: All of the information revealed in these applications will be kept completely confidential and is the property of Peace Church Pearland.

For federal income tax purposes, scholarship awards are nontaxable as long as (1) the recipient is a degree candidate, (2) a condition of the award is that the money must be used for "qualified tuition and related expenses" (tuition and enrollment fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses, but not room and board or incidental expenses), and (3) the recipient establishes that the money was actually used for the intended purposes.

My signature indicates that the information in this application and any supporting document(s) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature (if Applicant is a Minor): _____ **Date:** _____

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Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic and Spiritual Education Scholarship Policy

Purpose

We are pleased to offer the Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic and Spiritual Education. The purpose of the Peace Church Scholarship Fund is to demonstrate the church's commitment to higher education and spiritual enrichment. The scholarship was founded after the passing of one of our founding church members, Johanna Schweers, who was passionate about academic and spiritual education. For this reason, the Scholarship Fund awards two separate scholarships.

Scholarship applicants can only receive one academic and/or one spiritual scholarship per calendar year. The spiritual scholarship cannot be used toward any church-sponsored mission trips.

To this end, the Scholarship Team uses donated designated funds to make awards available to qualified applicants and will distribute based upon available funds and number of applicants. Applicants will have the responsibility of adhering to the guidelines/policy set forth by the Scholarship Team to meet eligibility. Any applications received after their deadline or incomplete applications will not be considered.

General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive funds through the Scholarship Fund, the applicant shall meet the following requirement for either scholarship:

- Must be a Peace Church member or regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months prior to making application.
 - *Grandchild, close relatives or those living with active members may be considered

Eligible Expenses

The Academic Scholarship only covers the following expenses: College Tuition, Books/Fees, Student Loan Payoff, Transportation.

The Spiritual Scholarship only covers the following expenses: Spiritual Retreat or Seminar, Transportation.

Special Scholarship Criteria

The Scholarship Fund is awarding two separate scholarships: one for Academic Education and one for Spiritual Education. Each scholarship has its own requirements and deadlines.

Academic Scholarship

The Academic Scholarship will be awarded once a calendar year. Applications will be accepted starting January 1st of each year and the deadline for submitting applications will be May 1st of each year. Decision will be made in May and the scholarship will be granted in June.

Spiritual Scholarship

The Spiritual Scholarship will be awarded throughout the year and could be awarded multiple times during the year based on funding and discretion of Scholarship Team. Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Decision and awarding of scholarship will be in a timely fashion after receiving application.

General Guidelines

1. The Scholarship Team shall consider all qualified applications without regard to race, gender, age, sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. The chairperson of the Scholarship Team shall notify all applicants completing an application for scholarship funds of the decision of the Scholarship Team.
3. Notification of the awards and outcome of applications shall be in writing and/or by email.
4. Funding for scholarships will be generated from donations to the Scholarship Fund. In order for a designated gift to be accepted for distribution, it must be non-restrictive, i.e., no gift designated for a specific student will be accepted. Peace Presbyterian Church will cooperate with all Internal Revenue Service regulations.
5. The applicant will submit a transcript indicating a grade point average (GPA) of no less than a 2.0 on a 4.0-point scale.

6. The Scholarship Team may take into consideration any factors and unique circumstances which might qualify an applicant for a scholarship. Among these, but not limited to, may include the applicant's spiritual achievement, ministry involvement, financial need, academic abilities, extracurricular involvement, course of study, and chosen profession. The Scholarship Team, at its sole discretion, may attach whatsoever weight it deems appropriate to any/all of the factors they consider in awarding a scholarship.

7. The Scholarship Team will make its decision by a Team majority and its decision shall be considered final.

Information Handling

All information submitted to the Scholarship Team is considered privileged and confidential and is intended solely for use by the Team. Any other use of this material is prohibited. At the end of the process, the names of recipients will be published in the Peace Church Pearland's bulletin, newsletter and social media. Applicants will receive written or emailed receipt of their application and the outcome of their application by mail or email.

Scholarship Selection Team

The Scholarship Team is composed of members of Peace Church Pearland who volunteer to serve. If any of the team members or their families apply for a scholarship, they must recuse themselves from discussion and voting.

Scholarship Awarding Process

All scholarship recipients will be notified in the mail and/or by email of their award and will be asked to come to a small presentation at Peace Church to receive award in front of the congregation. At the end of the process, the names of recipients will be published in the Peace Church Pearland's bulletin, newsletter and social media.

Any questions or concerns should be referred to the church office or Scholarship Team.