

Scholarship Policies

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P1.1 - SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Grace Educational Scholarship award, candidates must:

1. be a candidate for a degree at an accredited 2-year, 4-year or graduate college or university.
2. be pursuing a degree program which will clearly better equip, train or educate him or her to be an effective Gospel laborer or Kingdom leader who will further the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.
3. be an active member in good standing of Grace Community Church or a Grace network church OR a former member, associate member, sent missionary or other similar affiliation who continues to participate in training, shepherding, discipleship, mentoring or other similar relational connections with Grace Church or one of it's leaders.
4. be in agreement with and living in harmony with the Grace Church Statement of Faith, Core Values, Statement on Marriage, and Four Fields Vision.
5. be recommended by a Scholarship Committee member or apply before the Scholarship Committee meets for a given semester or term by mailing a request letter to Grace Community Church's mailing address on the website.
6. be on solid academic standing.
7. not be an officer or trustee of Grace Community Church, a member of the Scholarship Committee, certain US government officials prohibited by law, or a contributor to Grace Community Church whose contributions substantially exceed what is typical. Close family members of these individuals are also ineligible.

Currently, we do not have programs in place to accommodate employees or employees dependents as scholarship candidates. This may change in the future if such programs are established.

P1.2 - SCHOLARSHIP DETERMINATION CRITERIA

Determination of recipients and award amounts must follow these criteria:

1. Scholarship funds may be awarded up to the maximum amount approved by the board for a given semester or term, but the Scholarship Committee need not award all funds if it determines the candidates and criteria justify a lesser amount (or even no amount) to be awarded.
2. The maximum scholarship award per semester or term is \$5,000 per recipient with a maximum of 8 awards allowed per individual.
3. Scholarships are awarded without regard to sex, race, nationality, or national origin.
4. Consider how the candidate's shows harmony with the Grace Church Statement of Faith, Core Values, and Statement on Marriage.
5. Consider how the candidate has already shown biblical leadership and biblical character while furthering the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) through the Four Fields strategy.
6. Consider how the candidate's education may enable increased success in furthering not just his or her personal goals but also the Great Commission vision through the Four Fields Vision. (For scholarship funds obtained from donations restricted to missions purposes, this should be a primary consideration.)
7. Consider the candidate's financial need and Grace's immediate and long-term stewardship of the available scholarship funds.
8. Consider the applicant's past educational performance and representation of Jesus Christ in any employment situations.

9. Under no circumstances shall past, present or potential future service to Grace Community Church (or employment by Grace Community Church) be considered in determination of scholarship recipients. Scholarships under this program are not rewards, enticements, or compensation for employment or volunteer service.