

# CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER SCHOLARSHIP – 2024

This document outlines the Calvary Christian Center Scholarship Application guidelines and to inform all of the processes, procedures, and requirements for the scholarship program. It is a comprehensive document that provides instructions to students, parents/guardians (hereafter referred to as “parent(s)”), the scholarship committee and church staff for the Calvary Christian Center scholarship. **A primary objective of this process is to train our young people to be more responsible for handling any requirements for their future success.** Towards that end, we offer mock interview training opportunities for students as we place a lot of responsibility on them.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The Calvary Christian Center Scholarship application must be received **TO THE CHURCH OFFICE** by the deadline of **5pm, Friday, March 15, 2024** established by the scholarship committee. **No exceptions!**
  
2. Scholarships are available to the children of Calvary Christian Center Covenantors (members). The parent(s) are required to have been members of Calvary AND must have supported Calvary financially through tithes and offerings for at least one year as of Jan 1, 2023.
  
3. Only students who have completed high school requirements AND have been accepted to an institution of higher learning as described in paragraph 4 below will be considered.
  
4. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a degree at a four-year accredited college, junior college, community college or technical/trade school. Persons possessing a general equivalency diploma (GED) will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Two Scholarships are available: **The Leslie M. Dula Memorial Calvary Scholar and the Calvary Christian Center Merit Scholarship Awards.** The Scholar award is renewable for up to 4 years provided the student establishes and maintains a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 system. The Merit award is a one-time award.
  
5. Each applicant must submit a packet to include the below information:
  - a. A formal application
  - b. An official high school transcript, which includes the courses and grades from the first semester/quarter of the current school year. A student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher to apply. If a transcript has been altered, the applicant is automatically disqualified.
  - c. A minimum of one acceptance letter to a 4-year institution, junior college, community college or technical/trade school.

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- d. A One-page typed essay on the topic: **"Why I Should Be Considered for the Scholarship."** Persons possessing a general equivalency diploma (GED) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - e. Two (2) letters of reference from persons not related to them, such as teachers, employers, church members, individuals in the community, etc. (only one letter from a category). Letters should be on official company/agency/organization letterhead and dated no earlier than January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
6. Enrollment in an institution of higher learning must occur in the first semester immediately following completion of high school requirements. Students must indicate their start date on the application.
7. Scholarship awards will be based upon the following criteria:
- a. Academic performance
  - b. Citizenship/Behavior/Conduct
  - c. Church and community activities
  - d. Scholarship Interview Process
8. Scholarship funds will be made payable to the recipient's school of choice.
9. Scholarship funds of either \$1500/semester for up to 8 semesters (Leslie M. Dula Scholar) OR a One-Time \$2,000 (Merit Scholarship) will be applied toward the recipient's academic expenses.
10. **For the Leslie M. Dula Scholar Award**, the recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better for continued eligibility of scholarship funds (summer sessions are excluded from this scholarship program). **IF THE RECIPIENT'S OVERALL GPA FALLS BELOW 2.5, HE/SHE WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL SEMESTER AND WILL BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE SEMESTER. THE RECIPIENT CAN ONLY BE PLACED ON PROBATION ONCE AND IF THE STUDENT CONTINUES TO REMAIN INELIGIBLE AFTER PROBATION, THE STUDENT WILL BE DROPPED ENTIRELY FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** The recipient is responsible for contacting the scholarship committee with his/her transcript showing an improved GPA.
11. Guidelines may be amended as deemed necessary by the Scholarship Committee.

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

1. In January, the scholarship process is advertised, and scholarship applications are made available to high school students. Students are also made aware of the requirements such as acceptance into college/tech school and letters of reference.
2. Scholarship application packets are due **TO THE CHURCH OFFICE by 5pm on March 15th, 2024**. Scholarship applications will not be considered if packets are submitted incomplete; the packets will be reviewed and scored based on completeness and accuracy.
3. Mock interviews are **mandatory**. Mock interviews will be held on **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024** and **Thursday, April 4th, 2024**. Contact Jerry Parker at 336-451-6629 to schedule your mock interview (call after 6pm between March 18-21, 2024 to schedule appointment). Please leave a message if no one answers.
4. In April, applicants are scheduled for the formal scholarship interview. The interview ranking is based on a Scholarship Scoring Matrix developed at the start of the scholarship application process. Following the interviews, candidates will be evaluated, and a determination made for who the 2024 recipient(s) will be.
5. The recipient(s) of the scholarship will be announced at the high school graduation ceremony held each year at Calvary Christian Center.
6. If you have questions about the scholarship process, please contact Mrs. Felisha Vestal at 336-392-8754.

**Use the checklist below to ensure that all requirements have been met:**

- My parents are Calvary Covenantors AND have supported the church through tithes and offerings for one (1) year or more – on or before Jan 1, 2023
- I will meet ALL high school requirements by graduation day
- I have been accepted to an institution of higher learning and will begin classes next semester; acceptance letter(s) is/are attached
- My scholarship application is complete and ready to submit with this packet
- My high school transcript is attached, and my cumulative GPA is 2.5 or higher
- My 1-page essay (“Why I Should Be Considered for the Scholarship”) is attached
- I have included two (2) reference letters
- I have a completed scholarship application packet to be turned in to the church office by **5pm, Friday March 15th, 2024**

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## *Calvary Christian Center Scholarship Application*

Please print in the white space below.

NAME (First)		(Middle)		(Last)		(Email)	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY		STATE		ZIP	
AGE		DATE OF BIRTH		TELEPHONE			
FATHER'S NAME				FATHER'S Email:			
MOTHER'S NAME				MOTHER'S Email:			
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER?							
HOW LONG HAVE YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS BEEN MEMBERS OF CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER							
WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS?							
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL				LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL			
HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED BY A COLLEGE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME AND LOCATION BELOW.							
COLLEGE NAME				LOCATION			
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WHAT IS YOUR INTENDED MAJOR?				1 <sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER ENROLLMENT DATE			
LIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DURING THE PAST FOUR (4) YEARS.							
LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.							
WHAT SPECIAL RECOGNITION, HONORS OR AWARDS HAVE YOU RECEIVED IN HIGH SCHOOL &/OR CHURCH?							

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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