

Beneficent Church Scholarship Application

Academic Year 2018 – 2019

APPLICATION DUE DATE: April 15, 2018

Beneficent encourages Church Members to further their education, and scholarships are available to those pursuing a degree at an accredited not-for-profit post-secondary college or university, or accredited vocational or technical school. The scholarships are awarded without regards to race, age, socio-economic class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion.

Ferko and Chapin Endowment Scholarship Funds

The Ferko and Chapin Endowment Scholarship Funds were specifically designated to provide scholarship funds for **male** church members. Beneficent Congregational Church provides a scholarship opportunity of \$3,000 (full-time) and \$1,500 (part-time) for male Church Members who have demonstrated motivation for learning and are active participants in the Church.

Maxfield Endowment Scholarship Fund

The Maxfield Endowment Scholarship Fund is specifically designated to provide scholarship funds for **female** church members. Beneficent Congregational Church provides a scholarship opportunity of \$4,500 (full-time) and \$2,250 (part-time) for female Church Members who have demonstrated motivation for learning and are active participants in the Church.

A scholarship award is not a guarantee for additional years; award recipients are to re-apply and demonstrate continued eligibility. **(Scholarship awards are based on availability of funds, and award amounts may change from year to year.)**

Undergraduate student applicants are considered prior to any graduation school applicants. Graduate school applications (or continuing education opportunities) will be considered for active Church Members attending divinity schools, and for students in the fields of human services, education, and nursing.

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Eligibility Requirements:

- A. The Applicant/Student must be a Member of Beneficent Church, and actively involved in the Church for at least one (1) year. The involvement may include (but is not limited to): teaching and/or assisting in Christian Education, Youth Group, Church Council or committee, ushering for the worship service, Church choir, or working in a Church-sponsored community service project (e.g., PICA meal site or Y'all Come Community Lunch).
- B. Scholarships must be used to attend an accredited, not-for-profit, post-secondary college or university, or accredited vocational or technical school.
- C. An Applicant/Student already receiving a Beneficent Church scholarship may re-apply each year, with a lifetime cap equal to the cost of five (5) full-time years, if the Applicant/Student continues to meet all eligibility requirements. The Applicant/Student **must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher in each semester** to continue to qualify for a scholarship.
- D. Any Applicant/Student who drops below full-time status must submit an explanation of his/her change in status in order to remain eligible for the scholarship. If an Applicant/Student drops below full-time status twice, he/she will only be eligible to receive a part-time scholarship.
- E. Any scholarship recipient who withdraws from school must immediately notify the Beneficent Scholarship Committee in writing. Any scholarship recipient who fails to notify the Committee of a change in student status will be required to repay the scholarship immediately. In addition, the Applicant/Student will not be eligible for any future scholarships.
- F. All decisions of the Beneficent Scholarship Committee are final and may not be appealed.
- G. Applicants/Students are expected to be active in Church during school vacation times. Scholarship will be given during worship services, unless there are special circumstances.

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If you are applying for the first time, please submit:

1. Completed and signed Beneficent Church Scholarship Application and Group Involvement Form(s) (pages 4 and 5 of this document)
2. Most recent official high school or college transcript
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor
4. Typed essay (250-300 words) introducing yourself to the Scholarship Committee and the Congregation. The essay should include your current career and educational goals and plans, and your involvement in Beneficent Church. (Portions of your essay will be shared during the worship service on Scholarship Sunday.)

If you are applying to renew your scholarship, please submit:

1. Completed and signed Beneficent Church Scholarship Application and Group Involvement Form(s) (pages 4 and 5 of this document)
2. Most recent official high school or college transcript
3. One letter of recommendation from your current teacher/professor
4. Typed essay (250-300 words) that updates your educational progress and shares your involvement in Beneficent Church. (Portions of your essay will be shared during the worship service on Scholarship Sunday.)

All application materials must be submitted no later than April 15, 2018. After April 15, applications are subject to availability of funds.

Important Dates

- April 15, 2018 Application due date
- May 16, 2018 Scholarship recipients notified
- June 10, 2018 Scholarship Sunday worship service at Beneficent Church
(All scholarship recipients must attend.)
- September 1, 2018 Scholarship checks are mailed to your college/university*

**Before receiving their scholarship checks, all scholarship recipients must provide the following information:*

- *Course registration document*
- *A copy of the billing statement from your college/university*



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Last
First
Middle

Address: _____

Number and Street
Apt
City/State/Zip

Telephone: _____

Home (with area code)
Cell (with area code)

Email Address: _____

Date of Becoming a Beneficent Church Member: _____

I am applying for a Ferko or Chapin Endowment Scholarship **(male students only)** – \$3,000 (full-time) or \$1,500 (part-time)
 I am applying for a Maxfield Endowment Scholarship **(female students only)** – \$4,500 (full-time) or \$2,250 (part-time)

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EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Do you expect to attend school full time or part time during the next term? *(circle one)*:

Full Time

Part Time

What accredited not-for-profit post-secondary college or university, OR accredited vocational or technical school will you attend?

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Required Item	Enclosed?
Completed and signed Scholarship Application	<input type="checkbox"/>
Typed student introduction essay <i>(new applicants only)</i> OR typed educational update essay <i>(renewal applicants only)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most recent transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed Group Involvement Form(s) signed by Committee Chair(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicant Signature/Date: _____

Signature
Date

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GROUP INVOLVEMENT FORM

Beneficent Church scholarships are provided to Church Members who have a demonstrated motivation for learning and have had an active commitment to the Church for at least one year.

As part of the Scholarship Application, the Student/Applicant must provide a completed form for each Church-based activity they have participated in. Each form should be completed and signed by the appropriate Committee Chair or Church leader, and all forms should be included in the Student/Applicant's scholarship application packet by the due date.

Scholarship Applicant Name: _____

Church Group or Committee Name: _____

Scholarship Applicant Level of Participation (*circle one*):

Weekly

Monthly

Occasionally

Comments:

Signature of Committee Chair/Church Leader: _____

Name of Committee Chair/Church Leader (*please print*): _____