

Beneficent Church Scholarship Application

Academic Year 2019 – 2020

APPLICATION DUE DATE: April 22, 2019

Beneficent Congregational Church (Beneficent Church or the Church) encourages its 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 regard to race, age, socio-economic class, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

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 Church provides scholarship opportunities 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 Church provides scholarship opportunities 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 for a specific academic year and not a guarantee for future years; award recipients must re-apply for each year of support 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 graduate school or continuing education applicants being considered. 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 must have been actively involved in the Church for at least one (1) year prior to filing the application. 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 for scholarship support if they intend to continue their studies for the next academic year, with a lifetime cap equal to the cost of five (5) full-time years, if the applicant/student meets all eligibility requirements. The applicant/student **must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher in each semester (or other term of the academic year)** to qualify for a scholarship in the following semester or term.
- D. Any applicant/student who receives a full-time scholarship from the Church and drops below full-time status must submit an explanation of his/her change in status to remain eligible for future scholarship opportunities.
- 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 withdrawal may be required to repay scholarship funds. In addition, a scholarship recipient who fails to notify the Committee of a withdrawal may be deemed ineligible for future scholarships.
- F. All decisions of the Beneficent Scholarship Committee are final and may not be appealed.
- G. Applicants/students are *strongly encouraged* to be actively involved in Church during school vacation times (if they return home). Scholarships will be announced during worship services, unless there are special circumstances.

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If you are applying for an initial scholarship, please submit:

1. Completed and signed Beneficent Church Scholarship Application (Applicant Information and Group Involvement Forms) (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 Beneficent Scholarship Committee and the Congregation. The essay should include why your involvement in the life of Beneficent Church has been personally meaningful to how a higher education scholarship will help you realize your current educational and career goals. (Portions of your essay will be shared during the worship service on Scholarship Sunday.)

If you are applying to renew an existing scholarship, please submit:

1. Completed and signed Beneficent Church Scholarship Application (Applicant Information and Group Involvement Forms) (pages 4 and 5 of this document)
2. Most recent official college transcript
3. Typed essay (250-300 words) that updates your educational progress and shares your continued 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 22, 2019.
Scholarship awards remain subject to availability of funds.**

Important Dates

- April 22, 2019 Application due date
- May 19, 2019 Scholarship recipients notified
- June 2, 2019 Scholarship Sunday worship service at Beneficent Church
(All scholarship recipients must attend)
- September 1, 2019 Scholarship checks will be mailed to your college/university by
this date*

**Before mailing a scholarship check to your college/university, each scholarship recipient must have provided the following information to the Beneficent Scholarship Committee:*

- *Course registration document*
- *A copy of the billing statement from your college/university*
- *A final copy of the official high school or college transcript that includes grades for all coursework completed in the preceding semester or term*



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APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Number and Street Apt City/State/Zip

Telephone: _____
Home (with area code) Cell (with area code)

Email Address: _____

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

Completed and signed Scholarship Application	
Typed student introduction or progress essay	
Most recent transcript	
Letter of recommendation <i>(required for new applicants only)</i>	
Completed Group Involvement Form(s) signed by Committee Chair(s)/Church Leader(s)	

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*): _____