



Hope Center Church  
Scholarship Application

Due on Thursday, May 7, 2026

## **Guidelines for Eligibility**

- ❖ Applicant must be a member of Hope Center. Membership is defined as being an active participant in the church at the time of application and at the time the award is granted, including regular involvement in a church ministry.
- ❖ Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or individuals who are currently enrolled in or seeking to enroll in an academic or trade school program, including those pursuing a Master's degree or higher education.
- ❖ To be considered for an award, the application must be completed in full and include **three** letters of reference; acceptable references must come from academic sources (e.g., professors or teachers), a core ministry leader from the ministry the applicant is involved in, or supervisors from employment or volunteer service. Please note that only one core ministry leader reference will be accepted for each applicant. The other two references will need to be academic or supervisory.
- ❖ Applicants will be considered based on their service to the church, academic goals, and financial need.

## **Guidelines for Award Recipient(s)**

- ❖ Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient upon submission of proof of enrollment and receipts of paid tuition and fees, which are required for reimbursement.
- ❖ Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in fundraising activities throughout the year.
- ❖ All information provided in the application will be treated as personal and confidential; however, nonfinancial information may be disclosed during the award presentation.
- ❖ The amount awarded to each recipient will vary based on the funds available in a given year, the number of qualified applicants selected, and each recipient's level of church participation and personal merit.

**\*\*\*Please note: Applications are reviewed annually; therefore, applicants are responsible for submitting a new application each year for continued consideration.**

All scholarship decisions are made by the HCC Scholarship Committee. We extend our best wishes for success in your academic pursuits and future endeavors.

<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Date	Last Name	First Name
Email Address		
Phone Number		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
How many years have you been a member at Hope Center Church?		

<b>Church Involvement</b>		
Please list all areas of <i>current</i> church involvement, including any activities, ministries, or positions held, along with the corresponding dates of participation.		
Activity	Dates	Comments
Please list all areas of <i>past</i> church involvement, including any activities, ministries, or positions held, along with the corresponding dates of participation.		
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## Education

If you are a graduating high school student, please provide the following and *attach a school transcript* to the application.

Name of the high school	High School Address		
Graduation Date:	GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score

To which school(s) are you applying and/or planning to attend?

Please list any academic achievements such as awards, honors, scholarships, etc.

If you are a returning or continuing college/trade student, please attach a *current transcript* to the application.

Name of College	College Address		
Date Attended	Current GPA		
Expected Graduation Date	Degree/Certificate Received or Expected		

List any academic achievements such as awards, honors, scholarships, etc.

## Finances

Can you please describe your commitment to giving tithe and offering?

What do you expect your total school-related costs will be for the upcoming academic year? Please include tuition, fees, books, supplies, housing, and any other educational expenses.

Have you completed a FASFA application for financial aid?

Yes

No

Have you received or been awarded any other financial assistance (such as scholarships, grants, FASFA, tuition support, etc) for the upcoming academic year? If so, please list the source and amount, if available.

In what ways will your family assist in supporting your education financially? Please include any expected contributions or shared responsibilities toward your school-related expenses.

## **Finances**

Please list any jobs you have previously held or currently hold, and describe how you plan to contribute toward your college expenses.

## **Your Faith**

In what ways do you anticipate using your educational pursuits for the Kingdom's Purpose?

# Submission Requirements

Please submit the following forms to the HCC Scholarship Committee via email ([hopecenterscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:hopecenterscholarships@gmail.com)) by May 7, 2026:

- Scholarship Application
- Current Transcripts (High School or College)
  - Should include the name of the school, units completed, and GPA
- 3 Letters of Reference
  - Academic sources (e.g., professors or teachers), a core ministry leader from the ministry the applicant is involved in, or supervisors from employment or volunteer service
  - The core ministries are: Connect, Helps, Hospitality, Reach, Student and Worship. Leaders of sub-ministries are not eligible to submit a letter of reference.
  - Only **1** reference can be submitted from a core ministry leader. The other **2** references must be academic or supervisory.
- Personal Statement
  - Between 500-650 words
  - Should include a summary of your purpose for pursuing higher education, your academic/career goals, and any other information you would like the scholarship committee to know.
  - The personal statement should give the scholarship committee a clear, authentic picture of who the applicant is, what motivates them, and why they are a strong fit for the scholarship.

**\*\*Please note that any missing documents may result in the scholarship application being disqualified.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_