



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE

The College Scholarship Program is intended to enable children of single parents and children of missionaries to pursue post-secondary education. Primary consideration is given to applicants affiliated with Community Gospel Church and/or with Wycliffe Bible Translators serving in Indonesia.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors, and must consist of at least two members. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of their match within the prioritized eligibility list as well as their academic merits and their financial need.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for awards will be based upon the following prioritized list:

1. Child of single parent in regular attendance at Community Gospel Church, Bremen, Indiana. Priority is given to applicants for whom one or both parents are deceased. Applicant must have been regular attendance for at least four years.
2. Child of missionary supported by Community Gospel Church, Bremen, Indiana. Priority is given to missionaries currently serving overseas. Applicant's parent must have at least four years of service as missionaries supported by Community Gospel Church.
3. Child of missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators having served in Indonesia. Priority is given to missionaries currently serving in Indonesia. Applicant's parent must have at least four years of service as missionaries.
4. Child of single parent in regular attendance at a church in the Bremen - Mishawaka community of Indiana. Priority is given to applicants for whom one or both parents are deceased.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must have or be in the process of acquiring a high school diploma or GED.
- Must intend full-time participation in post-secondary education at an accredited, tax-exempt institution (minimum 12 credit hours per semester). Award is contingent upon the students admission and attendance to the institution.
- Must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to reapply for subsequent years.
- Program must result in a certificate of degree. Graduate degrees are not eligible.

The Board of Directors and their immediate family members are not eligible. Immediate family members are defined to include parents, parents-in-law, siblings, siblings-in-law, and children.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed "College Scholarship Application" from The Wyn & Carol Laidig Foundation.
- Personal letter of application explaining what the applicant expects to gain from the continued education, and what factors determined his/her choice of school and study program.
- SAT or ACT score.
- References from a pastor and a high-school teacher.
- Personal interview (may be via telephone).
- Signed copy of parents' most recent Form 1040 US tax return.
- Summary of anticipated educational expenses and various sources of income or payment.
- Transcript of high school record, including cumulative GPA, class rank, and school activity record.
- For renewal, the student must provide college transcript indicating a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

AWARD

Awards are granted based upon a combination of financial need, academic achievements, and extra-curricular activities.

The maximum annual award is an amount equal to 80% of the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment for the academic year. Special terms will be considered on a case by case basis. Summer school is normally not covered.

Funding amounts may vary from year to year, depending upon resources available, however every effort will be made to continue support at approximately the same level for up to 4 years.

Awards will normally be paid directly to the institution.