



Bible College Undergraduate Scholarship Guidelines

Are you eligible for this scholarship?

Those who have been a member of First Church for at least one year, who will be attending a Bible College affiliated with the Independent Christian Church/Church of Christ will be considered for this scholarship. These schools include but are not limited to Ozark Christian College, Lincoln Christian University, Dallas Christian College, Manhattan Christian College, Kentucky Christian University and Johnson University. **This program is designed to support Undergraduate Students who are studying in a field that leads to vocational ministry.**

What standards are you required to keep?

Recipients must uphold the following standards. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of scholarship eligibility.

- Be a full-time student (min 12 hours) in a field of study for vocational ministry.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) from the previous semester.
- Maintain a clean disciplinary record and abiding by all campus rules and regulations.
- Live as one who bears the name of Jesus Christ.
- Participate in an interview/meeting with the FC Outreach Student Team each summer.

How is this scholarship awarded?

Upon approval, the church will send a check to the agreed upon school to be applied to your student account. No checks will be written directly to the students.

The maximum amount of monetary assistance for a full-time student in vocational ministry will be distributed following this guidance:

- First & Second Semesters: \$1500.00 per semester
- Third & Fourth Semesters: \$2500.00 per semester
- Fifth & Sixth Semesters: \$3500.00 per semester
- Seventh & Eighth Semesters: \$4500.00 per semester

These funds may be applied to any charges on your student account including tuition, books, room and board, fees, etc.

Scholarship funds will be pro-rated if the student takes less than 12 hours in the pursuit of a ministerial degree in any semester. If student pursues coop degree program, the FC scholarship funds will only support classes taken for the ministerial degree.

Additional Scholarship opportunity

Students enrolled in a Bachelor of Theology, or equivalent degree program may be eligible for two additional semesters of scholarship support, dispersed as follows:

- Ninth and Tenth Semesters: \$4500.00 per semester



***Other Scholarship Opportunities**

We ask students to pursue as many scholarships and grant opportunities as possible. FC funds not used for student scholarships will be re-allocated to other Outreach opportunities. Help us be good stewards of the funds that God has provided us. FC Scholarships are applied after all other scholarships and grants are applied. Please file your FAFSA form with the financial aid office.

Accountability

Students not meeting GPA requirements will be placed on academic probation for the next semester. If the student does not meet the GPA requirement during the probationary semester they will forego the scholarship until the semester after they meet the GPA requirement. FC Scholarship program does not pay to retake classes due to failure of the class. Scholarship will be pro-rated to account for failed classes.

BONUS!!

Students who complete a semester with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) will receive a \$600.00 bonus for the following semester.

How do you apply for this scholarship?

First Time Applicant:

Fill out the online Scholarship Application that can be found at firstchurchok.com. First time college students will provide High School transcript, or equivalent with their application.

Returning Students:

Fill out the online Scholarship Renewal Form that can be found at firstchurchok.com. Students continuing with the FC scholarship will provide a screenshot of current transcript each semester, a screenshot of their student bursar's account showing the most recent classes taken, any grants or scholarships applied, course charges for current semester, and all costs associated with attending colleges (room and board and fees, etc) and a screenshot of their planned classes for the next semester.

Support to College Student Residents attending Christian Colleges:

College Student Residents who work for First Church for a specified amount of time become eligible within the following guidelines for support in their college endeavors. These student residents must be attending a Christian University as described in paragraph one of this document and must be students in good standing of their respective university. Residents must fill out an application for support and must meet with the Scholarship Team of the Outreach Ministry at the Scholarship team's discretion. An end-of-internship report must also be forwarded from the First Church Next Gen team to the Scholarship team to initiate this support.

- Short-term (summer residents) – eligible for \$1000/semester for 2 semesters.
- Long-term (6-12 months residents) – eligible for \$2500/semester for 2 semesters.

If the intern doesn't complete his/her tenure as an intern for any reason, it will be up to the Scholarship team's discretion to withhold any or all scholarship support. College student residents may not receive funds from this section if they are already receiving scholarship support from First Church.