

The Kimberly Joyce Duncan Scholarship Award

Honoring Legacy. Empowering Purpose.

The Kimberly Joyce Duncan Scholarship Fund is a renewable scholarship award for eligible students of The City of Hope Community Church who are pursuing higher education and committed to blending faith, learning, and service.

This scholarship honors the life and legacy of Kimberly Joyce Duncan, an educator whose life embodied excellence, purpose, and compassion.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply, applicants must:

- Be an active member of City of Hope Community Church
- Be a non-adult student (incoming freshman or current undergrad)
- Be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school
- Submit proof of acceptance or current enrollment
- Complete project below
- Complete the application by the deadline.
- Participate in an interview if selected.

Application Checklist

All applications must be submitted by Friday, July 31st and must include:

- ✓ Completed application form (available online)
 - ✓ Proof of enrollment/acceptance letter
 - ✓ Completion of project
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Kingdom Calling Project

Year One: Calling Meets Career

Project Objective

Over the course of your college journey, we want you to wrestle with one important question:

"How is God shaping me to use my education, gifts, and future career for His Kingdom?"

The first year of this four-year journey is about **discovering** where your calling and career intersect. Whether you have already declared your major or are still exploring your future, this project will challenge you to think beyond earning a degree and begin envisioning how your education can become a platform for glorifying God, serving others, and making a lasting impact.

Assignment Prompt

Describe how God can use your education, gifts, and future career to glorify Him, serve others, solve meaningful problems, and advance His Kingdom.

Your project should be organized into the following three sections:

1. DISCOVER

What has God placed on my heart?

This section is about **exploring your profession**.

Tell us about the major, trade, or career you hope to pursue. If you have not yet declared a major, share one or more career paths you are currently exploring and explain why they interest you.

Consider addressing questions such as:

- Why are you interested in this field?
- What gifts, talents, passions, or experiences have drawn you toward it?
- What need or problem does this profession help solve?
- How does this career improve the lives of others?
- What excites you most about this profession?

2. DEVELOP

How can my career become my calling?

This section is about **discovering God's purpose** for your profession.

Explain how your education and future career can become an expression of your faith and a way to serve others.

Support your ideas with **at least two biblical passages** and explain how they relate to your profession.

Consider questions such as:

- How can a follower of Christ make a difference in this profession?
- What biblical principles should guide someone working in this field?
- How could your profession be used to strengthen or serve the local church?
- How could your profession become a ministry outside the walls of the church?
- If Jesus worked in your profession today, what might that look like?

3. DEPLOY

How will I use my gifts to serve God's Kingdom?

This section is about **putting your faith into action**.

Think beyond graduation and describe how you hope to use your education to make a meaningful impact during your first five years after completing your education.

Be practical, intentional, and specific.

Examples might include:

- Starting a community initiative
- Serving through your local church
- Mentoring young people
- Providing professional services to those in need
- Creating solutions that improve people's lives

- Using your career to influence your workplace for Christ

Conclude your project by answering this question:

Within my first five years after graduation, one specific way I hope to use my education, gifts, and profession to glorify God and serve others is...

Final Reflection

Close your presentation with a personal vision statement that completes this sentence:

"I believe God is calling me to use my education to _____ so that _____."

Acceptable Formats

This is a creative presentation project that can be completed in one of the following formats:

- A 2-3 page essay paper (double spaced, 12 pt. font, original thought only, no AI)
- A 5–7-minute oral presentation
- A 5-7 – minute video presentation
- A PowerPoint or Canva presentation with narration
- A visual display board with presentation

What if I don't know my major?

Option A

Choose one career or major you are currently considering and complete the project as though you were pursuing that field.

Option B

Complete the project by exploring your **calling** rather than a specific career.

Reflect on questions such as:

- What gifts has God given me?

- What am I naturally passionate about?
- What problems do I feel called to solve?
- What kinds of people do I enjoy serving?
- What careers am I prayerfully considering?
- How can I remain open to God's direction?