



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
For Undergraduate Higher Education
2026-2027
Academic Year

(due no later than 4 pm,
Monday, May 11, 2026)

CityRise Scholarship Requirements

- Member* of a CityRise Campus for a minimum of 1 year; demonstrating active participation
- Previously accepted into an institution of higher learning
- Pursuing an **undergraduate degree**
- Average passing grade in current school year (*if in college, gpa \geq 2.5*)
- Contributes consistently to the life of the Church

Current scholarship funds are available through an endowment fund managed by the Baptist Foundation and an endowment managed by Houston Christian University. The amount depends on the available earnings in those funds at the time of disbursement.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read carefully and thoroughly

1. Complete the application form
2. Complete essay questions (*criteria below*)
3. Attach a copy of your most **current transcript**.
4. Submit your application and supporting documents **by Monday, May 11 at 4pm**
 - Drop off at West U reception desk in an envelope marked
"Scholarship Application/Attn: Wanda Wong"
or
 - Online at www.cityrise.org/scholarship
or
 - Email a scanned copy of application and documents to wanda.wong@cityrise.org

All applications must be received no later than 4pm, Monday, May 11, 2026

Incomplete OR late applications will NOT be considered.

ESSAY CRITERIA

Please select 3 questions below to answer. In total, your essay should be a minimum of 2 pages, double spaced, 11 pt font size, 1" margins (*essays that do not meet these requirements will be considered incomplete*)

1. If you are a graduating high school senior, what is your plan for spiritual growth while in college?
2. If you are currently in college, what is your ministry involvement at church and how has it helped you grow in your faith?
3. Please describe a ministry experience you've had that has had a major impact on your life.
4. Tell us about a personal challenge you've had and how you dealt with it?
5. Share your testimony of coming to faith in Christ
6. Tell us why you chose your major and describe your career interest.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ College Student ID/Account. # _____
(Required-scholarship cannot be remitted without this)

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone # _____

Email _____

If married, provide the following information:

Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's Occupation: _____ If you have dependents, please list
their names and ages : _____

If single, provide the following information about your parents:

Name(s) Father: _____ Mother: _____

Parents' Occupations: _____

Parents' Address (including city, state, zip code): _____

Number of brothers and sisters in family: _____ Are any attending college now? Yes No

If yes, where attending? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Upon whom will you depend for finances? (Check all that apply)

Self Father Mother Spouse Other: (Explain): _____

If you plan to work while in school, where? _____

Will you be receiving other scholarship funds? Yes No

If yes, explain from whom and the amount you expect to receive: _____

Est. Cost per semester: Tuition \$ _____ Books \$ _____ Room & Board \$ _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Have you been baptized? Yes No Age/Date of Baptism: _____

Are you a member of WUBC/WUCC CityRise Bellaire CRMC/CRMCE

How long have you been a CityRise Church member? _____

List activities in which you participate at any of our CityRise campuses _____

If currently in college, which church are you attending while in school? _____

List activities in which you participate at this church _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

What school, college or university do you plan to attend in 2026-2027? _____

Address and telephone number of school's Financial Aid Office:

NUMBER/STREET/PO BOX _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(If you are granted a scholarship, the address you give us above is where we will send the check)

Is your college on quarter or semester plan? _____

How many credit hours do you expect to earn during the academic year of this scholarship? _____

Do you expect to be registered for LESS than 12 hours for Fall OR Spring semester? Yes No

If yes, which semester and why _____

Expected date of college graduation _____

Have you previously received a scholarship from our church? Yes No

If so, for what academic year(s)? _____

****If you previously received a scholarship from the Church, please attach a copy of your grades for the most recent year for which it was received****

TRUST REQUIREMENTS

The instructions from the fund donor are “to assist members of said Church with the costs of higher education.”

The Trust Agreement governing the Scholarship Funds states the following:

"All grantees of scholarships must maintain an average passing grade, to be eligible for aid hereunder. A grantee who fails two subjects in one semester shall be ineligible for further aid until he brings his average up to passing. Any grantee dismissed from an institution for disciplinary reasons shall be ineligible for further aid."

"Grantee shall not engage in gambling, nor in drug abuse, nor be a frequent user of alcoholic beverages."

My signature below affirms that I am in compliance with the trust requirements. It also gives the Scholarship Committee my permission to verify any information I have provided or attested to herein on my application and/or essay.

Signed _____ Dated _____

*BYLAWS ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERS

3.01. Qualification and Approval of Members.

- a. Qualification. Any person may offer himself or herself as a candidate for Membership in this Church. All such candidates shall be presented to the Church for Membership in any of the following ways:
 - i. By profession of faith and for baptism according to the policies of this Church.
 - ii. By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Baptist church or church of like faith.
 - iii. By statement of prior conversion experience and believers' baptism by immersion.
- b. Approval. An individual will become a Member after approval by a majority vote from the Executive Council.