

ACF Scholarship – Graduate New Applicant Checklist 2019/2020

New Applicant Qualifications for an ACF Graduate Level Scholarship

*(if you have received a scholarship from us at any point in the past, please complete our **Reapplication Form**).*

- Resident of Indiana.
- An attending member of a Christian Church or Church of Christ (Independent) in the state of Indiana.
- Planned vocation serving within a Christian Church, Church of Christ (Independent) or Mission setting.
**Please note: scholarships are not currently available to those majoring in counseling or worship tech*
- Planning to attend (or attending) one of our affiliated colleges / universities full-time (8hr minimum):
**Other graduate schools may be considered depending on available funds and ministry intent of the applicant*

<i>Carolina Christian College</i>	<i>Lincoln Christian University</i>
<i>Central Christian College of the Bible</i>	<i>Louisville Bible College</i>
<i>Cincinnati Christian University</i>	<i>Manhattan Christian College</i>
<i>Emmanuel Christian Seminary</i>	<i>Milligan College</i>
<i>Great Lakes Christian College</i>	<i>Nebraska Christian College</i>
<i>Hope International University</i>	<i>Ozark Christian College</i>
<i>Johnson University, Tennessee & Florida</i>	<i>Point University</i>
<i>Kentucky Christian University</i>	<i>St. Louis Christian College</i>
- Current (or Undergraduate) cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Have not already received ACF scholarship dollars for 4 semesters as a graduate student.

FORMS Checklist (items to be submitted with Application):

- Essay (500-1,000 words typed) explaining applicants desire for graduate study
- Transcript of recent collegiate grades
- Current photo of applicant **can be emailed to info@acfindiana.org*
- Letter of Recommendation from a minister
- Letter of Recommendation from the Eldership at the church applicant is currently serving
- Personal Resume **if not currently working in full-time ministry*
- Typed or article written for publication (in religious journal or equivalent) composed by applicant
- Forms and Application RECEIVED to the ACF office no later than March 1, 2019 - can send via**
**website: acfindiana.org | mail: PO Box 246 Greenfield, IN 46140 | email: info@acfindiana.org*

All applications not completed and received (with appropriate forms), by March 1, will be considered late and therefore will not qualify to be reviewed.

Alexander Christian Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable, organization established in 1964 for the purpose of granting to students who are members of the independent Christian Church/Church of Christ in Indiana, for the advancement of their Christian education.

Stipulations for applying for an Alexander Christian Foundation Graduate Scholarship

1. Resident of Indiana.
2. Attending member of an Independent Christian Church/Church of Christ in Indiana.
3. Must be either holding an active ministry position in Indiana with an Independent Christian Church/Church of Christ, OR an Indiana-sponsored missionary, OR actively pursuing a church-related vocation OR a candidate for church-related vocation. (NOTE: ACF does not award scholarships for those majoring in or preparing for a vocation in counseling or worship tech.)
4. Hold an A.B. or B.S. degree and be accepted for graduate study at an *approved seminary attending full-time (8hrs min.)
**Non-approved graduate schools may be considered depending on available funds and ministry intent of applicant.*
5. Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, if currently attending college.

Procedure for applying for an Alexander Christian Foundation Graduate Scholarship

1. Application and *all* information listed below *must* be completed by the candidate, or designated party, and submitted to the ACF office on or before *March 1st*. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to have all materials completed and turned in prior to the deadline. Applicants are welcome to contact the office to confirm receipt / check on status.
 - a. A 500 to 1,000 word typed essay stating applicants desire for graduate study.
 - b. Transcript of recent collegiate grades.
 - c. Current photograph of applicant.
 - d. Letter of recommendation from a minister.
 - e. Letter of recommendation from the eldership where applicant is currently serving.
 - f. Personal resume. *if applicant is not currently working in full-time ministry
 - g. Typed sermon or article written for publication (in religious journal or equivalent) composed by applicant.
2. Applicant may be required to attend an interview session in Indianapolis prior to final selection.
3. Applicant will be advised of the decision of the Foundation concerning the application. It will be the intention of the Foundation to also notify the scholarship recipient's home church and school of his/her award.
4. All scholarship awards are given for one year only. Previous year's scholarship winners, who have attained at least a B (3.0) grade average, may reapply the following year to receive priority consideration.
5. Recipients may not receive a scholarship for more than 4 semesters as a graduate student.

Evaluation of scholarship amounts

Recipients of scholarship aid from the Alexander Christian Foundation will be selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of applications received and money available. Scholarship awards will be presented in May at the annual Awards Program. The applicant, or his/her designated representative, **MUST be present** to receive the award or it will be *forfeited*.

Stipulations for terminating an Alexander Christian Foundation Scholarship

1. The stipulations for receiving an Alexander Christian Foundation scholarship are binding throughout the recipient's education for his church-related vocation. Previous recipients may not be re-considered if *any* of the following conditions apply:
 - a. Recipient's career goals change and he/she is no longer pursuing a church-related vocation.
 - b. Recipient does not maintain a B grade average.
 - c. Recipient transfers to a college other than an approved Independent Christian Church/Church of Christ college.
 - d. Recipient is no longer considered full-time.
2. The Directors of the Foundation also reserve the right to terminate a scholarship for what a majority believe to be academic incompetence, immorality or unbecoming conduct on the part an Alexander Christian Foundation scholarship recipient. Actions such as being placed on probation by the college or being expelled from school will potentially disqualify a recipient from future awards, unless strong evidence can be produced that they have made dramatic change in their life.

Applicant: Please retain this page for your files.

Graduate Application 2019/2020

**All applicable fields must be completed*

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Name of Preference _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism by Immersion _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

Home Church _____ City, State _____

Undergraduate

College Attended (City, State) _____

Year Completed _____

Degree(s) Acquired _____

Major _____

Graduate

Attending College (City, State) _____

Anticipated Completion Date _____

Degree(s) Pursuing _____

Major _____

Total Credit Hours _____

Per Semester Hours _____

- I understand that my photo and essay may be used for publicity purposes and hereby grant my release and permission to use my essay and/or photo as considered appropriate by the Alexander Christian Foundation.*
- I understand that any and all scholarships are awarded at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Alexander Christian Foundation. I grant permission for a representative of Alexander Christian Foundation to be given my grades & address upon request.*
- I further understand that if I am selected to receive scholarship assistance by the ACF Selection Committee, I or someone I designate as my representative, **MUST be present** at the awards program in May to receive my award or it will be forfeited.*
- Lastly, I have reviewed the **Equal Opportunity Policy** and understand that if I have any concerns, I am to contact the President or a member of the board.*

The **Alexander Christian Foundation** is an independent, non-profit grant-making agency based in Greenfield, IN operating throughout Indiana, providing scholarship support to persons fulfilling qualifications set forth by the Foundation. **Alexander Christian Foundation** complies with all state and federal laws regarding equal rights. Scholarships are given by the Foundation, regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin or disability. The Foundation abides by the equal opportunity laws in all aspects of employment, scholarships, and board members. The Officers are responsible for formulating, implementing, coordinating, and monitoring all efforts in the area of equal employment opportunity.

Signature of Applicant

Date