

## Graduate Scholarship Requirements

*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 ACF 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 proposed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarships will be awarded based on the number of applications received and money available - awards should not be less than \$2,000 each.

### 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.
3. Additionally, any college or university, as an institution, could become ineligible should they lose accreditation or participate in actions that the Directors of the Foundation deem unethical, harmful, or otherwise against the beliefs and values of the Foundation's mission. Should this situation arise, the Directors of the Foundation would work closely with any recipient to make reasonable decisions for their award and education opportunities.