



Christian Scholarships Guide

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There are dozens of general and denomination-specific scholarships available to Christian students enrolled in college. A variety of Christian scholarships are awarded to students who have shown leadership skills and a history of community service. Scholarships are also available to students who plan to enter ministry or high-demand fields like counseling, rehabilitation, teaching, and healthcare.

Point University educates students for Christ-centered service and leadership throughout the world. Current and prospective Point students can review online.point.edu for a list of relevant opportunities and explore other resources like their church, professional associations, local organizations, and online scholarship search engines.

This guide reviews specific opportunities for students to apply for relevant scholarships, and all of the awards listed can be pursued by full-time students at Point.

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Where can I find scholarships for Christian students?

Students can explore the Point online programs [website](#) to find information about scholarships available to Point students. Students can use the U.S. Department of Labor's scholarship search tool, or contact professional associations, foundations, and local organizations to discover other scholarship opportunities. They can also reach out to staff at his or her church to explore opportunities specific to their denomination. Students should explore as many scholarship opportunities as possible to strengthen their chances of receiving funds.

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Where can I find scholarships for Christian students?

- **Your Church:** Church leaders often have relationships with scholarship organizations, so contact your church's staff for information about these opportunities, their requirements, and how to apply for them.
- **Foundations:** Foundations often offer scholarships for students of certain demographics or those planning to work in specific fields. Search online for foundations relevant to your career aspirations to discover relevant scholarship opportunities.
- **Local Organizations:** Local organizations, including clubs like Kiwanis and Rotary, often provide scholarships for students each year. Students should seek out both secular and Christian organizations to learn about funding opportunities.
- **Professional Associations:** Professional organizations sometimes offer scholarships for students intending to pursue majors in their field. Contact these organizations to ask about scholarship opportunities.
- **The U.S. Department of Labor's [Scholarship Search Tool](#):** U.S. Department of Labor maintains an online database where students can search for scholarship opportunities. The search function allows students to use keywords and filter search results to find scholarships for their particular career interests or demographics.

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What are the application requirements?

FAFSA: Before students apply for scholarships, they should complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). This determines a student's financial need and is often required by organizations that offer student funding.

Do you have questions about your financial aid options? You can view helpful videos about financial aid [here](#).

Transcripts: Many scholarship organizations require students to submit transcripts. Often scholarships will require students to maintain a minimum GPA, which a transcript verifies.

Essay: Many scholarships require applicants to write an essay. Typically, the organizations provide guidelines for these essays, including a topic and minimum length. Students can access online resources like the [Online Writing Lab](#) to help them write a strong essay.

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What are the application requirements?

- **Letters of recommendation:** Letters of recommendation are a common component for scholarship applications. For Christian scholarships, students are often asked to provide a letter of recommendation from a church leader. Other applications may require letters from educational or professional contacts familiar with the student's experience and integrity. Students should ask their recommenders to write their letters several weeks in advance of the application deadline.
- **Documentation of college enrollment:** Many scholarship committees require proof that students are enrolled in a school. The requirements for this application component can vary from an acceptance letter to a course schedule for the current semester.

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What are some tips for a successful application?

Students should ensure each scholarship application they submit is complete. To receive a scholarship, students will need to stand out from the other applicants and fulfill all necessary requirements outlined by the organization.

- **Create a Checklist:** Since every scholarship has its own requirements, students can make checklists for each opportunity. Checklists can include the necessary requirements, materials, and any special details or achievements that may give them an edge over other applicants.
- **Make It Personal:** Scholarship committees review countless applications each year. Students can take advantage of the essay or personal statement to create a memorable impression. Approaching a prompt from a new angle, for example, can help an application stand out, thus bettering the chances of being awarded a scholarship.
- **Proofread Materials:** Students should review their application materials—résumé, essay, letters of recommendation, and the application itself— to ensure there are no grammar, spelling, or punctuation mistakes.
- **Submit Early:** Developing a habit of submitting applications early is a good practice. By organizing materials in advance of the due date, students can ensure they have all appropriate documents and that all documents have been filled out correctly. Submitting early can also potentially leave a favorable impression with application committees.

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Scholarship Scams: What to look out for

Because there are many [scholarship scams](#), students should familiarize themselves with the application process and scholarship organization structures. This research can help students recognize warning signs. Scam organizations often tell students they can "guarantee" aid rewards for students who pay a finder's fee. **Under no circumstances will a legitimate scholarship require students to pay or supply banking information.**

Another typical scam offers to help students fill out their FAFSA in exchange for payment. The FAFSA website itself offers free help for students. The sites that charge are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, and students are urged to refrain from using those services to prevent financial fraud. Any fraudulent experience should be reported to the U.S. Department of Education and Federal Trade Commission.

General Christian Scholarships

- [Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta](#)

Who Can Apply: The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta provides hundreds of scholarships each year. Students may create a profile on the website and apply for multiple scholarships at once.

Amount: Varies

- [Playing with Purpose Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: This scholarship is awarded to four Christian athletes annually. High school sophomores, juniors and seniors who are varsity-level athletes in at least one sport with a “C” grade average or better are invited to apply.

Amount: \$2,000

- [Prayer Soup Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Prayer Soup, an online resource that explores the role of prayer in our search for meaning, invites high school seniors to apply for this scholarship with a 600 - 1200 word essay that describes a significant prayer experience. Essay winners showcase creativity, imagination, and critical thinking.

Amount: \$1,500

General Christian Scholarships

- [Young Christian Leaders Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Meant for Christian students pursuing a college degree, this scholarship is awarded to high school seniors or college students who live in New Jersey, New York, or Connecticut, though they can attend college outside of those areas. Applicants must be members of their local church and earn a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Amount: \$1,000

- [Judy Wendland-Young College Scholarship for Women](#)

Who Can Apply: Women of any faith, who are age 35 and over, who have not previously attended an accredited college offering bachelor's degrees are invited to apply for this scholarship made possible by the Judy Wendland-Young Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay. Awards go to the first year of enrolled study.

Amount: \$20,000

Scholarships for Catholic Students

- [Italian Catholic Federation First Year Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Since 1964, the Italian Catholic Federation has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships to more than 6,000 high school students, of the Catholic faith, attending college. Students who are Roman Catholic and of Italian descent, attending high schools in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Illinois, with a GPA of 3.2 or higher, are invited to apply.

Amount: Varies

- [Clare Boothe Luce Program](#)

Who Can Apply: The program offers scholarships and research awards to undergraduates as well as graduate fellowships to women in science, math, and engineering programs. Several fields of study are excluded from the awards, including those in the medical and social science fields. More information and application guidelines can be found [here](#).

Amount: Varies

- [Catholic Financial Life Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: Offered by the Catholic Knights Financial Company, this scholarship is awarded to students every year. To apply, students, their parents, or grandparents must be financial members of Catholic Knights for at least one year. Additionally, they must complete a minimum of ten hours of service at a branch location.

Amount: Varies

Scholarships for Baptist Students

- [WMU Foundation Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: The WMU Foundation provides scholarships to Baptist missionary students and those entering Baptist missionary service. Twelve scholarships and two endowments are available.

Amount: Varies

- [ABHMS Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: American Baptist Home Mission Societies offers scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants must have active membership in an American Baptist church and be enrolled at an accredited four-year college with a minimum GPA of 2.75

Amount: Varies

- [The Roothbert Fund](#)

Who Can Apply: While not a strictly Baptist organization, the Roothbert Fund offers scholarships for persons motivated by spiritual values, and awards about 20 scholarships each year to United States residents of the East Coast (living in ME, NH, VT, RI, MA, CT, NY, NJ, PA, OH, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV or NC). Preference is given to applicants with high scholastic achievements and plans to work in education.

Amount: \$1,000

Scholarships for Lutheran Students

- [Herbert W. & Corinne Chilstrom Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Scholarships are offered to Lutheran women aged 21 or older who have experienced an interruption in education of at least five years. Applicants should be pursuing careers as ordained ministers. The Women of the ELCA also offers the [Lutheran Laywomen](#) scholarship for women pursuing careers other than ordained ministry.

Amount: \$1,000 on average

- [Bethesda Student Scholastic and Service Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: Bethesda Lutheran Communities offers two different scholarships to Lutheran undergraduate students pursuing majors in areas of service to people with developmental disabilities.

Amount: \$3,000

- [LCEF Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: These scholarships from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund are awarded to graduating high school seniors or full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution, who are active members of the Lutheran Church in specific Midwest districts, enumerated in the link above.

Amount: \$1,000

Scholarships for Methodist Students

- [General GBHEM Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Offered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, this scholarship is for applicants with at least one year of active membership in the UMC, and with a GPA of at least 2.5. Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply.

Amount: Varies, \$500 - \$2,000

- [Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarship for Racial Ethnic Minority Students](#)

Who Can Apply: Offered by the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry (GBHEM), this scholarship is for United Methodist undergraduate students who intend to pursue a career in religion journalism. Students must be enrolled at an accredited college or university in the U.S. Eligible candidates must be United Methodist ethnic minority students in their junior or senior year majoring in journalism or communications.

Amount: \$2,500

- [David W. Self Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Designated for graduating high school seniors entering their freshman year of undergrad, this scholarship requires that applicants have one year active membership in the UMC, and be pursuing a church-related career.

Amount: \$1,000

Scholarships for Presbyterian Students

- [Presbyterian Student Opportunity Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: This scholarship is awarded to full-time college sophomore, junior, and senior students with a minimum 2.5 GPA who demonstrate financial need. The program requires students to be actively involved in a worshipping community or campus ministry program.

Amount: \$2,000

- [First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund](#)

Who Can Apply: The First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa offers scholarships for Presbyterian students seeking to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Most scholarships are awarded based on need, academic potential, and performance.

Amount: Varies

- [Native American Education Grant](#)

Who Can Apply: The Native American Education Grant seeks Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members enrolled full-time at an accredited college in the United States who are members of a Native American or Alaska Native tribe. Applicants must be in good academic standing (2.5 cumulative GPA or greater) and demonstrate financial need. Documented membership in a Native American or Alaska Native tribe is required.

Amount: Up to \$4,000

Ministry Scholarships

- [Diamonds in the Rough Ministry International Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: A limited number of female high school seniors are awarded this scholarship each year. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be active in community service. They must be residents of Texas, submit letters of recommendation from ministers and teachers, and provide their high school transcripts.

Amount: \$5,000

- [Foundation for College Christian Leaders Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: Open to residents of California, Oregon, or Washington, these scholarships are awarded to students practicing the Christian religion who have verified leadership within their church. Applicants must be undergraduate students with a 3.0 GPA or higher, and their parents cannot exceed an income of \$75,000 each year. Applicants must also be planning to pursue religious vocations or theology.

Amount: Varies

- [GBHEM Ministry as a Career Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry offers a range of scholarships for students pursuing ministry as a career. Applicants must be members of the United Methodist Church.

Amount: Varies

Counseling Scholarships

- [Doris W. Frey Memorial Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: Created to support students studying Christian counseling, youth ministry, Christian ministry, medicine, or nursing, this scholarship is available to students who graduated from a public or private Florida high school in Collier, Glades, Lee, Charlotte, or Hendry counties.

Amount: \$2,500

- [NAJA Scholarships](#)

Who Can Apply: Supporting graduate students who study in fields that address the special needs of youth and children, the NAJA scholarships are designated for students studying counseling, education, mental health, or psychology. Students must be planning to work directly with children in schools, churches, or public service.

Amount: Varies

Graduate Scholarships

- [WomenLead Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: This scholarship is available to women pursuing higher education in preparation for public service, nonprofit, or Christian ministry work. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a post-grad school, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and be involved and committed to leadership within the Christian community.

Amount: \$3,000

- [Harvey Fellows Program](#)

Who Can Apply: The Mustard Seed Foundation makes this scholarship available to students pursuing graduate studies in teaching, journalism, economics, finance, business, or filmmaking. Applicants must demonstrate their Christian faith and be enrolled in a full-time graduate program. They must also provide a vocational goal statement along with their resume.

Amount: Varies

Graduate Scholarships

- [Mary E. Bivins Religious Scholarship Program](#)

Who Can Apply: This scholarship is granted to undergraduate upperclassmen planning to pursue secondary education related to religious studies; applicants must be permanent residents of the northernmost 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and be dedicated to pursuing a career as a pulpit pastor upon graduation

Amount: \$3,500

- [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Paleologos Graduate Scholarship](#)

Who Can Apply: This scholarship helps finance the education of orthodox Christian students who belong to churches within the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Applicants must be active within their church community, full-time college graduates, and pursuing a non-theological field of study.

Amount: \$5,000

- [Christian Missionary Scholarship Foundation](#)

Who Can Apply: This scholarship is meant to provide financial support to graduate and undergraduate students who are the children of missionaries.

Amount: Varies

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