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COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY
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Application for the Youth & Family Ministry Scholarship

Information about the scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of a number of Christians who value family ministries, this scholarship was created to encourage students in the preparation for ministry and help defray, in a limited way, some of the expense associated with that preparation.

Directions for completing this application:

1. **Complete this application form**. This application is required for any Harding student seeking a specialized scholarship in the area of family ministries. All spaces must be filled for the application to be considered.
2. **Request three personal references**: one business or professional, one religious, and one academic. Supply each of your references with one of the Scholarship Reference Forms along with a stamped envelope addressed to:

   Youth & Family Ministry Scholarship Committee
   915 E. Market
   HU Box 12280
   Searcy AR. 72149- 5615

   Attention: Dr. Daniel B. Stockstill

   [You may fax your application to 501-279-4042 or email to stockstill@harding.edu]
3. **Criteria Essay:** Write and submit the requested Criteria Essay as described in the following section.
4. **Photograph:** Attach to your completed application form a recent photograph with your name on the back or provide a link to a webpage or download file. A clear photocopy from your most recent high school or university yearbook will be adequate. (The photograph will not be returned.) Include the photo with data sheet and essays.
5. **Submit:** Send the completed application packet with all requested supporting documentation to the above address.
6. **Deadline:** Deadline for receipt of all application materials is June 1 in order to be eligible for awards for the fall and spring semesters. Applications received after June 1 will be processed in the order received, but only as funds are available.
7. **Eligibility:** Scholarships are open to any full-time (12 hours per semester) Family Ministries major in the College of Bible and Ministry. All other majors are NOT eligible for these awards. If the student changes his/her major or leaves school, the scholarship will be voided the entire semester in which the change occurs.
8. **Selection Criteria:** Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, cumulative grade point average, character, service to others, professional promise, and clarity of personal goals. As much as possible, the determination will be based upon the assessment of professional promise.
9. **Expectation:** These scholarships are awarded to students who intend to devote themselves to church supported ministries. If one does not enter the full time ministry he/she is responsible for repayment of the scholarship awarded. Any exceptions are subject to approval by the Youth and Family Ministry Scholarship Committee.

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10. **Acceptance:** It is assumed that scholarship recipients will be supportive of the College of Bible and Ministry. Attendance at Alpha Chi Malachi or the designated alternate which meets twice monthly at announced times, as well as attendance at other events under the auspices of the College is expected.
11. **Duration:** This Scholarship is NOT automatically renewed each year. Applicants must reapply each spring for awards for the following academic year. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than August 20 in the year of the award.
12. **Lewis Scholarship:** The Lewis Scholarship is awarded as one of the scholarships granted by this committee.

Criteria Essay

The applicant will compose a four page "Criteria Essay" which describes (1) the applicant's spiritual background and development, (2) any specific obstacles the applicant is determined to overcome in order to be able to attend college and pursue a ministry vocation (and particularly a family ministries degree from Harding), (3) the applicant's ministry goals and any unique ministry experiences, and (4) the applicant's community or church service and leadership experience.

Here is a brief explanation for each of the areas:

1. Spiritual Background and development
   Describe your spiritual heritage
   Who has been instrumental in your faith development?
   What influence did a Youth Ministry have in your spiritual development?
   Describe your conversion (when, who was influential, etc.)
   Describe the gifts God has given you that will help make you an effective minister
2. Specific Obstacles you are determined to overcome
   What are the barriers or challenges to your pursuit of youth and family ministry?
   What obstacles (such as economic, spiritual, social, geographic, etc.) do you face in completing a youth and family ministry degree?
3. Ministry Goals and Unique ministry experiences
   Why did you choose Harding University for ministry training?
   What led you to your decision to pursue ministry as your vocation?
   Describe any experiences that have helped prepare you for ministry.
   Where do you hope to be able to serve God?
   Do you want to minister full time or part time (if part time, what do you hope to be your vocation)?
4. Community or Church Service and Leadership
   Describe any volunteer work you have done at church or in your community
   Describe all teaching or tutoring experiences at church or school
   With what groups of people do you specifically enjoy working?
   Describe any leadership positions you have held in church youth groups or school clubs, etc.
   What special, creative, or challenging activities have you participated in at school, at church, or in the community?

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Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Exceptional	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**	**No knowledge**
Ability to work independently	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Academic ability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Christian influence	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cooperation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Current academic performance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Degree of commitment to ministry	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Deserving of this Scholarship	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Emotional stability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enjoys Teenagers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Flexibility/adapting to new situations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Honesty	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Promise to Ministry	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Self-confidence	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Present date _____Dates of your association with the applicant from _____to_____
Recommendation:
In consideration of the above evaluation, do you recommend this applicant for the Youth and Family Ministry Scholarship?

☐ Strongly recommend ☐ Recommend ☐ Recommend with reservation ☐ Do not recommend

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Student Data Sheet

Name:_____
Last First Middle Preferred

HU ID#: | Campus Box:

Dormitory and Room:

or Local Address:

Permanent Address:

Cell Number: | Other Phone:

Church Preference: | Member: Yes No

Classification: | Alpha Chi Malachi Member: Yes No

Spiritual Birthdate: | Marital Status:

Birth Date: | Social Club:

Preferred E-Mail Address:

Service Organizations:

Internships:

Extracurricular Activities:

Favorite Leisure Activities:

Other Scholarships Received: