



“Thirst For Knowledge” Scholarship 2019.

Application Due Date: Monday, April 15, 2019

PURPOSE The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to *incoming freshman* or congregation members enrolled for undergraduate and graduate study in community colleges, colleges, trade schools and universities.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

ACTS awards scholarships to seniors and members on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. ACTS pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school or member. Scholarships are awarded each semester and are continued each semester if the student maintains a 2.5 GPA each semester.

The “Thirst for Knowledge” Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- 1 Applicants must be a member of Agape Community Temple of Servants Church.
- 2 Applicants must currently attend or have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.
- 3 Applicants must be accepted as a student at a college, university, or trade, theology school program for the upcoming academic semester. If scholarship money is awarded, funds are sent directly to the institution on behalf of the applicant.
- 4 Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by Monday, **April 15, 2019.**
- 5 Scholarship recipients will receive their funds at the beginning of the school year.

TIMELINE

- 6 Both new and renewal applications are due **April 15, 2019**.
- 7 Applications will be reviewed and notified by the ATA Scholarship Committee by **July 5, 2019**.

Application Process

NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- 1 Completed application form including typed essay.
- 2 Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- 3 Two academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- 4 A letter completed reference from an employer or other community member not related to the applicant.
- 5 Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

Scholarships may be renewed annually if entering a full-time program and if recipient maintains a 2.5 average GPA and complete required volunteer hours. More than three renewals may be considered on a case by case basis. This presupposes that funds are available for disbursement.

1. The scholarship recipient must demonstrate need for continued financial assistance.
2. A personal statement/paragraph describing their experience during the academic year, what they learned, challenges they encountered and what they intended to do the following year to help them move forward in life.
3. Completed application form excluding item numbers 4, 10 and 21.
4. The Scholarship recipient must retain permanent residence status within a 30 mile radius of ACTS I and ACTS II Church.
5. Students must provide an official transcript for the prior semester. Awards will be made provisionally pending receipt of final grades from spring semester of that year.
6. Renewal applications are due by **Monday, April 15, 2019**.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

**“Thirst For Knowledge”
Scholarship Program**

Agape Community Temple Of Servants Church

Att: ATA Scholarship Committee

1224 Franklin Street

North Little Rock, AR 72114

Emailed applications to Yvonne.bolden@Irsd.org

Application 2018 - Must be filled out by Applicant.

Please **type on a separate sheet** or **print** your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1	Last Name:	First Name:
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2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
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3	Daytime Telephone Number: Email address:
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4	Current High School:	Number of years attended HS:
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5	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2018</u> : _____ Address/ Phone _____
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6	What year will you enter college?
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7	Will you be a part-time/full time student?
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8	Will you be a commuting student?__ Will you live on campus? ____ If you are not living on campus, where will you be living? _____
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9	Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.
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10 ACT Score: _____
 Or
 SAT Score: _____
 A copy of your ACT **or** SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.

11 Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space.
 Name (s) _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____

12 List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable) Make additional comments if needed. **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED!**

A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$
B.	Books:	Amount: \$
C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$
D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$
E.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$

13 List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED!**

A.	Family Members	Amount: \$
B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$
C.	Grants:	Amount: \$
D.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$
E.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$

Please list the following information the next page on a separate sheet if needed. Application deadline is Monday, April 15, 2019.

14	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.	
15	AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?	
16	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously participated in the past four years. Note leadership roles and dates.	
17	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.	
18	GOALS: What are the short and long-term goals for your life?	
19	NEED: Please explain your financial need for the “Thirst for Knowledge” Scholarship.	
20	ESSAY: In a world where education is vital, how would your academic growth develop your spiritual walk? How could your career focus be used to help others in the congregation or community? (500-750 words typed; 1.5 spacing) Please Attach! Help your spiritual walk.	
21	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>	
	YES	Two academic reference forms. Have references mail forms to the ACTS Teachers’ Auxiliary, marked attention: Scholarship Committee.
	YES	One community reference form. Have your reference mail this letter to ACTS Teachers’ Auxiliary, marked attention: Scholarship Committee. (Individual cannot be related to the applicant.)
	YES	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	Most recent <u>official</u> high school or <u>official</u> college transcript (for current scholarship recipients.) Photocopies of your transcript are <u>not acceptable</u> .
	YES	Answers to questions 1-20

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the “Thirst For Knowledge” Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to “Thirst For Knowledge” scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____

