

Calvary's Christian College Scholarship Program

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Purpose

To assist and encourage Calvary's young people in their education beyond high school in a school where they will receive biblical emphasis woven into their chosen course of study. Special emphasis is made to encourage at least one year of on-campus studies at an approved Christian school.

Scholarships

- Scholarships may be awarded to each qualified full-time student who is accepted at an approved school and who makes proper application in a timely manner.
- As of 2015, the amount of a normal scholarship was up to \$1,200 with the expectation that the amount could be adjusted for inflation, rounded up to the next hundred, every 5 years.
- Scholarships for a student's first year living on-campus at an approved Christian school may be up to three times the normal scholarships (\$3,600 in 2015).
- Normal scholarships may be awarded for subsequent years at an approved Christian school.
- Scholarships will not exceed the amount needed by the student after other scholarships and grants.
- Application for a scholarship must be made for each school year and will be considered for up to four years of under-graduate work.
- If available funds are limited, scholarships for first-year students will receive higher consideration than continuing scholarships.
- Scholarship checks will be payable to the school on the student's behalf at the beginning of the school year.

- An exceptional scholarship may be considered from time to time based on financial need and full-time ministry goals.

Eligible Students

- Student must be an active participating member of Calvary Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Michigan.
Active participation generally means being in frequent attendance at the regular services and other youth or college activities as well as being involved in ministry opportunities at Calvary. Students limited or prevented from regular attendance and ministry at Calvary because of being away at college, work, travel, mission trips, military service, etc. will be evaluated based on their reasonable efforts to participate as often as possible during their visits back to Battle Creek or when their work schedule allows. Active students are expected to stay connected and committed to Calvary.
- Student must have actively participated in church activities at Calvary throughout his/her high school years or later prior to entering college. Scholarships will be prorated for students who have been active for at least one year prior to entering college. (1 year = 25%; 2 years = 50%; 3 years = 75%; 4 years = 100%)
- Student must exemplify a consistent testimony to faith in Christ in his/her daily life.
- Student must exemplify strong moral and character traits.
- Students who are under school discipline or have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony while in college will not be considered for continuing scholarships.
- Student must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average to be considered for a continuing scholarship.

Approved schools

- An approved school will be a Christ-centered academic community committed

to changing the world by developing students in character, scholarship and leadership.

- An approved school will require Bible courses to be taken regardless of the student's major course of study.
- The doctrinal beliefs of an approved school will not be in conflict with the doctrinal statement of Calvary Baptist Church.
- Criteria for an approved school will be evaluated each time a new student applies for a scholarship unless there is a suspected reason for an earlier re-evaluation.

Scholarship Committee

- An ongoing committee of 3 or more persons, appointed by the church board, will have oversight of Calvary's scholarship program.
- Appointments will be made in a manner that assures continuity on the committee.
- The committee should include at least one active or recent deacon and trustee.
- The scholarship committee will be accountable to the church board.
- Scholarship award decisions will be recommended by the committee and confirmed by the deacon board prior to their announcement.

Funding

- Funds for the scholarship program come from special designated gifts only and may be received at any time from special offerings, special gifts, memorials, bequests, etc.
- A fund with sufficient liquid assets will be maintained for timely scholarship awards unless an endowment fund is established and until it is of sufficient size where its earnings are able to fund the whole program.

Provision for Changes

- The scholarship program may be revised at the recommendation of the committee and church board and approval of the Congregation. Such changes would include changes to the purpose statement, criteria for student eligibility, criteria for an approved school, and the maximum dollar amount for a normal scholarship.
 - Administrative procedures may be revised at the recommendation of the committee with the approval of the church board. Such changes would include changes to the application process, management of the funds, make-up of the committee, etc.
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Suggestions for interested students

Begin the process of selecting your college and course of study early.

Pick up an application for Calvary's scholarship program in January from the church office.

Determine if the school mission or purpose statement and doctrinal position will meet Calvary's criteria.

Submit your completed application for Calvary's scholarship complete with required attachments to the church office in early spring for the fall semester but no later than the date stated on the application for the current year.

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