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## **Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Spiritual Education Cover Letter**

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to offer this application for the Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Spiritual Education. This scholarship has its own requirements and deadlines.

Scholarship applicants can only receive one spiritual scholarship per calendar year. The spiritual scholarship cannot be used toward any church-sponsored mission trips.

### Spiritual Scholarship:

The Spiritual Scholarship will be awarded throughout the year and could be awarded multiple times during the year based on funding and discretion of Scholarship Team. Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Applications should be submitted 60 days before scholarship is needed. Decision and awarding of scholarship will be in a timely fashion after receiving application.

The Spiritual Scholarship only covers the following expenses: Spiritual Retreat or Seminar, Transportation.

To be considered for this Peace Church Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria. You must be:

- Must be a Peace Church member or regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months prior to making application
  - \*Grandchild, close relatives or those living with active members may be considered

If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact the church office or see attached Scholarship documents for more details and dates. May God bless you in your spiritual endeavor!

## **Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Spiritual Education Application Checklist**

### **IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN SPIRITUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

A completed application package consists of the following required materials:

- Completed Application Form
- Essay/Personal Statement (400 words or less)
  - o For Spiritual Applicants:
    - Applicants must submit a typed, spiritually-based, autobiography outlining details of his/her salvation experience, his/her spiritual growth, and reasons for attending the spiritual educational institution of his/her choice.
- Application must be postmarked, submitted electronically or handed in in person 60 (sixty) days before scholarship is needed.

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Completed applications should be submitted by mail or in person to the church office:

**Peace Church Pearland  
Scholarship Team  
2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503  
Pearland, TX 77584**

**OR  
By Email to [office\\_manager@peacepres.net](mailto:office_manager@peacepres.net)**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail and/or email.

**Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Spiritual Education  
Scholarship Application**

Peace Presbyterian Church

Spiritual Scholarship Deadline Date: 60 (Sixty) Days Before Scholarship Is Needed

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\*PLEASE ATTACH TYPED ESSAY AFTER APPLICATION\*  
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Applicant's  
Legal Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print/Type) Last Name First Name M.I.

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Full Name (if Applicant is a Minor): \_\_\_\_\_

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To be considered for this Peace Church Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria. You must be:

1. Must be a Peace Church member/regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months prior to making application.
  - o \*Grandchild, close relatives or those living with active members may be considered

**Have you been a Peace Church Member/ regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months?**

**Circle One: Yes No**

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1. Describe your spiritual goals:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Describe your financial need:  
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\_\_\_\_\_

RETREAT/SEMINAR YOU WANT THE SCHOLARSHIP TO GO TOWARDS

What will you be studying? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? Complete Name of School/Program \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School/Program \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you applying for this scholarship?:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH ESSAY TO APPLICATION (DESCRIBED IN CHECKLIST)

Essay/Personal Statement (400 words or less) - Applicants must submit a typed, spiritually-based, autobiography outlining details of his/her salvation experience, his/her spiritual growth, and reasons for attending the spiritual educational institution of his/her choice.

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CONFIDENTIALITY: All of the information revealed in these applications will be kept completely confidential and is the property of Peace Church Pearland.

For federal income tax purposes, scholarship awards are nontaxable as long as (1) the recipient is a degree candidate, (2) a condition of the award is that the money must be used for "qualified tuition and related expenses" (tuition and enrollment fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses, but not room and board or incidental expenses), and (3) the recipient establishes that the money was actually used for the intended purposes.

**My signature indicates that the information in this application and any supporting document(s) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature (if Applicant is a Minor):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic and Spiritual Education Scholarship Policy

## Purpose

We are pleased to offer the Peace Church Scholarship Fund for Academic and Spiritual Education. The purpose of the Peace Church Scholarship Fund is to demonstrate the church's commitment to higher education and spiritual enrichment. The scholarship was founded after the passing of one of our founding church members, Johanna Schweers, who was passionate about academic and spiritual education. For this reason, the Scholarship Fund awards two separate scholarships.

Scholarship applicants can only receive one academic and/or one spiritual scholarship per calendar year. The spiritual scholarship cannot be used toward any church-sponsored mission trips.

To this end, the Scholarship Team uses donated designated funds to make awards available to qualified applicants and will distribute based upon available funds and number of applicants. Applicants will have the responsibility of adhering to the guidelines/policy set forth by the Scholarship Team to meet eligibility. Any applications received after their deadline or incomplete applications will not be considered.

## General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive funds through the Scholarship Fund, the applicant shall meet the following requirement for either scholarship:

- Must be a Peace Church member or regular attendee/participant for the past 12 months prior to making application.
  - \*Grandchild, close relatives or those living with active members may be considered

## Eligible Expenses

The Academic Scholarship only covers the following expenses: College Tuition, Books/Fees, Student Loan Payoff, Transportation.

The Spiritual Scholarship only covers the following expenses: Spiritual Retreat or Seminar, Transportation.

## Special Scholarship Criteria

The Scholarship Fund is awarding two separate scholarships: one for Academic Education and one for Spiritual Education. Each scholarship has its own requirements and deadlines.

### Academic Scholarship

The Academic Scholarship will be awarded once a calendar year. Applications will be accepted starting January 1st of each year and the deadline for submitting applications will be May 1st of each year. Decision will be made in May and the scholarship will be granted in June.

### Spiritual Scholarship

The Spiritual Scholarship will be awarded throughout the year and could be awarded multiple times during the year based on funding and discretion of Scholarship Team. Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Applications should be submitted 60 days before scholarship is needed. Decision and awarding of scholarship will be in a timely fashion after receiving application.

## General Guidelines

1. The Scholarship Team shall consider all qualified applications without regard to race, gender, age, sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. The chairperson of the Scholarship Team shall notify all applicants completing an application for scholarship funds of the decision of the Scholarship Team.
3. Notification of the awards and outcome of applications shall be in writing and/or by email.
4. Funding for scholarships will be generated from donations to the Scholarship Fund. In order for a designated gift to be accepted for distribution, it must be non-restrictive, i.e., no gift designated for a specific student will be accepted. Peace Presbyterian Church will cooperate with all Internal Revenue Service regulations.
5. The applicant will submit a transcript indicating a grade point average (GPA) of no less than a 2.0 on a 4.0-point scale.

6. The Scholarship Team may take into consideration any factors and unique circumstances which might qualify an applicant for a scholarship. Among these, but not limited to, may include the applicant's spiritual achievement, ministry involvement, financial need, academic abilities, extracurricular involvement, course of study, and chosen profession. The Scholarship Team, at its sole discretion, may attach whatsoever weight it deems appropriate to any/all of the factors they consider in awarding a scholarship.

7. The Scholarship Team will make its decision by a Team majority and its decision shall be considered final.

### **Information Handling**

All information submitted to the Scholarship Team is considered privileged and confidential and is intended solely for use by the Team. Any other use of this material is prohibited. At the end of the process, the names of recipients will be published in the Peace Church Pearland's bulletin, newsletter and social media. Applicants will receive written or emailed receipt of their application and the outcome of their application by mail or email.

### **Scholarship Selection Team**

The Scholarship Team is composed of members of Peace Church Pearland who volunteer to serve. If any of the team members or their families apply for a scholarship, they must recuse themselves from discussion and voting.

### **Scholarship Awarding Process**

All scholarship recipients will be notified in the mail and/or by email of their award and will be asked to come to a small presentation at Peace Church to receive award in front of the congregation. At the end of the process, the names of recipients will be published in the Peace Church Pearland's bulletin, newsletter and social media.

**Any questions or concerns should be referred to the church office or Scholarship Team.**