



REAL LIFE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose

Believing that it is God's plan for each of us to use our unique gifts and abilities to engage our world, Real Life Church desires to help students further their education through prayer, encouragement, and financial assistance.

Selection Criteria

The primary consideration in scholarship selection is the applicant's level of involvement in Real Life Church. An applicant must be identified as an active member of Real Life Church or have regularly participated in events sponsored by Real Life Church.

Additionally, applicants must also:

- plan to enroll in a college/university for the 2017-18 school year
- exhibit strength of character and desire for spiritual growth
- have maintained a satisfactory academic record
- demonstrate spiritual awareness of the world around him/her
- not be a family member of Real Life Church Staff or Scholarship Committee

This application is for the 2017-18 school year only. Students may re-apply in following years if qualifications are met. Please note that current college students may substitute involvement in a church located near their college for involvement at Real Life Church, but must have been involved at Real Life Church while they were in high school.

Two scholarships are awarded per year in the amount of \$1000 each.

Scholarship Timeline

- Applications will be available in the Information Center and on the Real Life Church website (www.discoverreallife.net) beginning February 19, 2017.
- Completed application and all supporting documents are due back to the church office by March 26, 2017. Late applications will NOT be accepted.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of their application by April 7, 2017.

Scholarship Packet Checklist (Return the following to the church office in a sealed envelope directed to the attention of the Scholarship Committee)

- ___ Complete Application
- ___ Resumé of Activities (please include details related to church involvement)
- ___ Two Essays
- ___ Two Recommendation Forms (see attached)
- ___ Official High School/College Transcript
- ___ College/University Acceptance Letter (high school students)
- ___ Proof of Attendance (current college students)

**REAL LIFE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP
2017-18 APPLICATION**

Submit the completed application along with all supporting documents in a SEALED envelope to Real Life Church office by March 26, 2017.

SECTION I

Student's Full Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School Students:

Name of High School: _____

High School Counselor: _____

College/University which you plan to attend: _____

Anticipated Major: _____

College Students:

College/university you currently attend: _____

Do you plan to attend this same institution in the fall? YES NO

If NO, where do you plan to attend? _____

SECTION II

1. **High School Students:** On a separate sheet of paper, provide a resume of extracurricular activities in which you have participated for grades 9-12. Extracurricular activities may include but are not limited to sports involvement, clubs/organizations, volunteer activities, and employment. Please provide detail specific to your involvement at Real Life Church. Please describe leadership roles in any activities if applicable.
2. **College Students:** On a separate sheet of paper, provide a resume of extracurricular activities in which you have participated throughout your college experience. Extracurricular activities may include but not limited to employment, internships, clubs/organizations, church activities, and community involvement. Please describe leadership roles if applicable.

SECTION III

The following essays should be 450-650 words in length. Paint a picture of who you are as an individual and completely answer each prompt. You must use separate sheets of paper, numbering each essay at the top of the page specifying which prompt is being answered.

1. What spiritual lesson(s) has God been teaching you over the last year? Please provide specific examples to illustrate.
2. *“When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.” Luke 12:48b, NLT.* Explain how this instruction relates to your life. What have you been given, and/or with what have you been entrusted? What actions have you taken and/or plan to take in response?

SECTION IV

Recommendations

- Please provide the attached recommendation forms to two adults who know you well. Your recommenders should be able to speak to your personality and character.
- Recommendation forms should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the recommender’s signature across the seal.
- Recommenders cannot be family members.
- Current high school students should include one recommendation from a teacher, counselor or other school official.
- Current college students attending a school outside of Mecklenburg, Gaston or Lincoln County should include one recommendation from a staff member of a campus ministry or local church located near your college.

SECTION V (OPTIONAL)

You may submit one additional sheet of paper sharing anything else about yourself.

SECTION VI

Obtain an official copy of your high school or college transcript to submit along with the completed scholarship application.

SECTION VII

High School Students:

Attach copy of College/University Acceptance Letter

College Students:

Attach proof of attendance for the 2017-18 School Year

Should you have questions about this application or the application process, please contact Jodi Foxx at jodiandtoddfoxx@yahoo.com. Please put “Real Life Scholarship” in the subject line.

REAL LIFE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for the Real Life Church Scholarship. Please complete this form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back flap. Please return this form to the student no later than March 24, 2017.

Student Name: _____

Recommender Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Please rate the student on the following characteristics:

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
Attitude towards learning				
Involvement in school and/or church community				
Strength of character				

Please elaborate on any or all of the three characteristics listed above (attitude towards learning, involvement in school and/or church community, and/or strength of character). You may substitute a letter of recommendation for this section if you prefer.

Recommender Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your support of this student.

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