



Sunnyside Ministry College Scholarship Application

About this Scholarship and application details

The Sunnyside Ministry Scholarship Program is a program designed to recognize students who **are an asset to their community**, by awarding scholarships to an accredited four year college or university to up to four students in the Class of 2020. This program seeks to identify students that meet the following criteria.

Possess a *benevolent spirit* and a desire to make their community a better place for all people. Students that have a financial need that might hinder the completion of their college career. Students who are motivated to succeed academically; who also have leadership potential and are engaged in their community.

The application is open to graduating seniors in the **Class of 2020**, who have been accepted to an accredited four year college or university. Consideration may be given to County Community College. *Note: this program does not award scholarships to for profit schools.*

This scholarship is restricted to students that live or attend high school in the geographic area served by Sunnyside Ministry. That area in Forsyth County is zip codes **27127** and **27107**. In Davidson County, zip codes **27127**, **27107**, **27012**, **27265**, **27360** and **27295**. If you have questions concerning this restriction please call 336-724-7558 and ask a staff person at Sunnyside Ministry to confirm that you reside or attend school within the application area. If you apply and do not meet this requirement your application will be disqualified:

initial here that you have confirmed you reside in the application area.

Incomplete applications will be disqualified *Initial that you understand this requirement.*

The scholarship amount is \$1800.00 per year for four consecutive school years, fall and spring semesters. The award may not be used for summer sessions and if you decide to take a break from school, the remainder of the scholarship is forfeited. You are required to submit end of semester grades and a class schedule prior to the next semester before Sunnyside Ministry will release the scholarship funds each semester. If you find that you have to take a break from school for medical or family needs, please contact Sunnyside Ministry to discuss this need. The responsibility for sending information to Sunnyside Ministry is solely that of the scholar.

Initial that you understand this requirement.

Application Deadline: March 20th

Application may be mailed: **postmarked no later than March 20th OR delivered in person by 4:00 p.m. to :**

**Sunnyside Ministry, 319 Haled Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27127
Attn: Mr. Jonathan Barnes, Assistant Director**

Scholarship time line 2020:

- **January 20, 2020:** Application Period opens
- **March 20, 2020:** Application Period closes

Applications may be delivered to or mailed to:

Sunnyside Ministry

319 Haled Street

Winston-Salem, NC 27127

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- **April 23, 2020:** Selected Applicant Interviews
- **May 1, 2020:** Scholarship Meeting, a meeting, group photo of scholars, information session, and gift cards are awarded. (each scholar is awarded an \$800.00 gift card to be used for college expenses.)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Complete the **Sunnyside Ministry College Scholarship**. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

An official **High School Transcript**, this should come from your High School in a sealed envelope.

Write an original essay. Directions and space are provided on this application to complete the essay.

Attach **two sealed letters of recommendation**, these should be from people that know you well and can write about your character, academic ability and potential for success.

Attach a copy of your **completed FAFSA Summary (SAR) Report** to assist the committee in evaluating your financial need. If not available, please submit a copy of yours' or your parents' current Federal Tax Return. (You must submit your parents return if they claim you as a dependent.)

Letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university. If you have been accepted at multiple institutions, please attach the one from the school that you plan to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: *If you should be accepted at a different school between submission of this application and the interview and you plan to attend that school, **YOU MUST** complete page four of this application with information related to that school and bring a copy of that page and the letter of acceptance to the interview*

Application is not complete until ALL of these items are received. All required information must be received by March 20, 2020

Personal Information about you:

First Name: _____ MI: ___ Last Name: _____

Name you go by, if other than first name: _____

Full Address: _____

County of Residence: _____ Zip Code: _____

please check page 1 of application for residency requirements

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / _____ Best Telephone Number to reach you: _____

Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Applicants that are selected for interviews will be notified by email. You MUST respond to the directions in that email to set the time for your interview. Failure to respond to the email may result in loss of an interview time and your application being disqualified.

You may provide a parent's email here if you wish: _____

Tell us about your High School Experience

High School you plan to graduate from: _____

Class Rank # _____ out of _____ What is your unweighted GPA _____

Are you involved in extracurricular activities: Yes(please list) No

Are you involved in any non-school activities, such as volunteering : Yes(please list) No

Have you participated in any Summer Study Programs: Yes(please list) No

Have you had a job during high school? Yes(please tell us where and what you did) No

Have you taken any AP or College Credit Classes: Yes(please list) No

Are you a Crosby Scholar? Yes No

Tell us about the college or university you plan to attend

College or university: _____

Please attach the letter of acceptance from that school to this application. If you receive a letter of acceptance from a different school and are accepted for an interview for this scholarship, you will need to bring a copy of that letter to the interview along with updated information on expenses.

Address of School's Business Office: _____

What is your intended major?: _____

Estimated expenses for this school, please use the information provided by the school.

Part of the criteria for the Sunnyside Ministry Scholarship is financial need, the section below helps us understand that need. Please be as accurate as possible.

Tuition: \$ _____

Room and Board: + \$ _____ *if you plan to commute and live at from home enter 0*

TOTAL Estimated Expenses: = \$ _____

Please tell us about ALL Financial Assistance and scholarships you have received

Amount of assistance from College or University Financial Aid Office: \$ _____

Do You qualify for a Pell Grant ___Yes ___ No If so how much? \$ _____

Have you applied for any student loan? ___Yes ___No Amount of loans \$ _____

Please list below all scholarships you have been awarded and how many years you will receive that scholarship

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Use a separate list if additional space is needed.

Total of **ALL** financial assistance you have received: \$ _____

Do you have a 529 College Savings Plan? ___Yes ___ No
If so what is the total savings: \$ _____

Are your parents able to assist with college expenses? ___Yes ___ No
Expected amount: \$ _____

If there is a specific financial hardship you would like to share with the committee, use the space below

Please tell us about your family's household finances

This information is used to determine financial need and is shared only with the scholarship committee, all committee applications are destroyed following the interview sessions.

Who Claims you as a dependent/deduction for IRS tax purposes? Parent(s) Self_(skip to bottom of page)

Please answer the following if your parents/stepparents/guardian claim you as a tax dependent/deduction. Please indicate if stepparent or guardian in area below

How many adults in the household are employed? Full-Time Part-Time

How many dependents are your parents able to report for tax purposes? _____

Please list ALL of your siblings, their age(s) and if they are in college, list the school they attend.

Use a separate sheet if needed.

Name	Age	College/Class Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please enter Parents (Adjusted Gross Income from their most recent tax return)

Joint return amount: \$ _____ if parents file separately Father: \$ _____ Mother: \$ _____

Father's (or Primary Guardian) Name: _____

Employer/Occupation: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Will this parent/stepparent/guardian be assisting with your education? Yes No

Mother's Name: _____

Employer/Occupation: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Will this parent/stepparent/guardian be assisting with your education? Yes No

Is there someone else that will be helping with your education? Who is that person:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Are you eligible for work study programs or do you plan to work while in school? Yes No

If you file taxes independently and no one claims you as a dependent, please answer the following:

Are you employed, and will that employment continue while you are in school? Yes No

What was your Adjusted Gross Income on your latest tax IRS forms? \$ _____

We want to know your thoughts on benevolence. The creator of this scholarship program put great importance upon the idea that giving back is one of the most important things a person can do in life.

Benevolent is an adjective used to describe people that are kind, caring and give back to their community and humankind. To have a benevolent spirit means that you are a caring person, that you make giving back to the community a part of your life. Using this idea of benevolent please tell us in your own words about a time that you were benevolent in your community. This could be as an individual or within your church, school or other organization. Tell us this in the form of an original essay in the box below, you are limited to about 500 words.

High School Transcript requirements

Attach an official transcript from your high school. This transcript must be sealed by tape, school stamp or school paper seal. **IF the transcript is NOT sealed, your application will be disqualified.**

Initial here that you understand this requirement

Letters of Recommendation

You need to provide the scholarship committee with two letters of recommendation. There are detailed letters at the end of this application you can print and give to each reference. You may choose whomever you would like to write these letters but we suggest that you choose two people who know you well and can easily write about your character, your academic abilities or your benevolence. They should be able to tell us about how receiving a college degree will benefit you and the greater community.

A few helpful things to consider: At least one of the letters should be from a person at your school; the principal, a teacher or coach, a guidance counselor. The second might be from a religious or civic leader. You may want to avoid fellow students. If you use an employer, make certain that they know the nature of the recommendation, so they don't just provide a job reference.

These letters give great insight to the committee as they are considering your application, and you want that impression to be positive. As a reminder Letters **MUST** be signed, they must be on appropriate letterhead that helps the committee understand your relationship to the reference. Reference Letters not meeting these guidelines will cause the application to be disqualified.

Please, give the letter at the end of this application to each reference.

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Please note that your application is not complete until both letters of reference and your High School Transcript are received.

*References and transcript may be mailed to or returned to the candidate to be submitted with completed application: postmarked no later than March 20th
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NOTE: If mailed separately please write candidates name on back of envelope

Acknowledgment

The Sunnyside Scholarship Committee expects each scholarship recipient to maintain the minimum academic standards set by the institution they attend. The semester renewal of each scholarship is based upon Sunnyside Ministry receiving evidence of continued enrollment at the school and a copy of the schedule for the next semester. Students leaving school, changing schools or being placed on academic probation are subject to loss of scholarship at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

In addition, the committee expects each recipient to set and adhere to a high standard of ethical and moral behavior. Any award is contingent upon the maintenance of the Committee's expectations as set out above. The Committee reserves the right to terminate scholarship benefits if the respective recipient does not maintain such.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given by me in this application and all supporting documents is accurate and complete. I affirm that the essay that is part of this application is an original essay authored by the candidate.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted by the committee.

Signature of Applicant, *print application before signing*
If your parent recognizes you as an IRS dependent, they MUST sign below

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Application is **NOT** complete unless signed and dated by **BOTH** candidate and parent/guardian if student is a dependent.

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation and we wish you much success during your college career!

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The guidelines for the reference letter are:

- **The letter must be on letter head.**
- **Please include your professional title as it relates to this student**
- **Please place reference in a sealed envelope and write or type the name of the student on the front of the envelope.**
- **Sunnyside Ministry is a faith-based ministry and awards scholarships on this criteria; The applicant's financial need, leadership, history of community service and volunteering, academic achievement, future plans, and the probability that the recipient has or will develop a benevolent spirit to the community and those in need.**
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Thank you for your willingness to support this student's application.

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