

The F.A.I.T.H. Initiative
P. O. Box 3858
Huntsville, AL 35810

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Thank you for taking time to apply for a **Fellowship Advocacy Inspiring Transformation and Hope Initiative (F.A.I.T.H. INITIATIVE) Scholarship**. To complete this application, you must:

1. Send with this completed application a one-page typed essay or theme telling why you are applying for the scholarship. In approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the essay, write about any financial hardships you need to overcome in order to attend college. In the other $\frac{1}{4}$ of the essay, explain your educational and career goals. Only completed application packages will be considered.
2. Send, or have sent, to the F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Scholarship Program a certified transcript that arrives in a sealed envelope. It may be included in your scholarship package.
3. Have two individuals send letters of recommendation for the scholarship applicant. At least one of these persons *must be* a current teacher or school official.
4. Send a photo, preferably in cap and gown (Do not send a casual cell-phone photo.)
5. Include proof of enrollment or acceptance as a full-time student to an accredited community college, university, or technical school.

Application, letters, transcript, personal photograph, and proof of enrollment to a higher institution of learning (all of the above) should be sent to the following address: F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 3858, Huntsville, Alabama 35810. **The deadline for all application materials is on March 8, 2023, received at the PO address.**

Purpose

The purpose of the F.A.I.T.H. Scholarship Awards is to provide scholarships to students who are pursuing higher learning at an accredited institution of higher learning or a technical school and who demonstrate potential to become productive members of the community. Scholarship awards will be *limited to undergraduate studies* for students residing in the Tennessee Valley (Huntsville/Madison County, Decatur/Morgan County and Athens/Limestone County, Alabama) area. However, recipients are *not limited* to enrollment or acceptance in an institution of higher learning *in Alabama* to receive a scholarship.

Awards

Seven undergraduate scholarship awards are available annually. Awards are for one year only, but *recipients may re-apply for a second year*. (The FAITH Board of Directors reserves the option of awarding fewer awards.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be accepted as a full-time undergraduate student attending an accredited community college, university, or technical school by fall of year awarded;
2. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better on a grading scale of 4.0;
3. Applicant must explain his or her financial hardship in an essay;
4. Applicant must provide evidence of public service as a volunteer and include number of hours volunteered last year;
5. Applicant must reside in the Tennessee Valley area (Huntsville/Madison County, Decatur/Morgan County and Athens/Limestone County, Alabama); and
6. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

F.A.I.T.H. Initiative scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, national origin, or sexual orientation. The F.A.I.T.H. Initiative will not award scholarships to applicants who do not meet eligibility requirements and whose application package is incomplete. The Organization reserves the right *not* to award a scholarship in a given year. The Organization also reserves the right to award scholarships to students of an under-represented minority.

Selection Criteria

1. Minimum required cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better;
2. Two letters of recommendation--(At least one of these individuals *must* be a current teacher or school official);
3. A one-page typed essay or theme telling why you are applying for the scholarship. In approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the essay, write about any financial hardships you need to overcome in order to attend college. In the other $\frac{1}{4}$ of the essay, explain your educational and career goals;
4. Summary of volunteer experiences; and
5. A *complete* application package.

Form 2023

THE FELLOWSHIP ADVOCACY INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION AND HOPE INITIATIVE (F.A.I.T.H. INITIATIVE) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Check the appropriate box: Initial Applicant Re-application (This is for a winner applying for second year.)

A. Biographical Information

1. Applicant _____
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

2. Address _____
Street/Apt # City State Zip/Postal Code

3. Date of Birth _____ 4. Sex: M _____ F _____
Month/Day/Year

5. Email address _____

6. Home phone number _____ 7. Mobile Phone _____

8. U.S. Citizen Yes No

9. Father's Name _____

Address _____
Street/Apt # City State Zip Code

Email address _____ Home phone number _____ Mobile Phone _____

10. Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Street/Apt#

City

State

Zip Code

Email address _____ Home phone number _____ Mobile Phone _____

B. Educational Information:

1. Name of educational institution you are currently attending: _____

School Address _____

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

2. Test Scores: ACT _____

3. Your grade point average last semester (A=4.0) _____

4. Your cumulative grade point average (A=4.0) _____

5. Are you now receiving financial help for school, including free lunch? ___Yes ___No

6. Request that your school send your transcript. It and *all* other materials must be received by the date established in the annual announcement for the application to be considered.

C. Activities, Honors, Awards and Achievements

List as indicated below:

1. Academic Awards and Honors _____

2. Clubs or organizations _____

3. Church and Community Service _____

4. Athletic Activities, Awards and Achievements _____

D. References

List two references from whom you will request a letter of recommendation, who can attest to your character and academic and leadership abilities. (At least one of these individuals *must be* a current teacher or school official.)

1. Name _____
Position/Title _____
Address _____
City State Zip/Postal Code
Email address _____ Home phone number _____ Mobile Phone _____

2. Name _____
Position/Title _____
Address _____
City State Zip/Postal Code
Email address _____ Home phone number _____ Mobile Phone _____

E. Nepotism Statement:

Policy requires applicants to identify any relation to a current F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Board of Directors or F.A.I.T.H. Scholarship Committee member.

Are you related to any member of the F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Board of Directors or the F.A.I.T.H. Scholarship Evaluation Committee? Yes No

If yes, please identify the board member and the relationship: _____

_____ I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant (Initial) permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee

_____ The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, (Initial) complete and accurate, and I understand that false statements on this application will disqualify me from the scholarship.

I, (please print name) _____,

(FIRST NAME)

(MI)

(LAST NAME)

give permission for any college or school to release to the F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Scholarship Program any information necessary to process my application to the Program.

Applicant's signature _____

Applicant's name printed _____

THE FELLOWSHIP ADVOCACY INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION AND HOPE INITIATIVE ESSAY

Name _____

(FIRST NAME)

(MI)

(LAST NAME)

Essay must be one-page, single-spaced, 12 point font, and must explain why you are applying for the scholarship. Using *approximately* $\frac{3}{4}$ of your content, write about any financial hardships you need to overcome in order to attend college. In the *other* $\frac{1}{4}$ of the essay, explain your educational and career goals.

