

## Charles K. Smith Scholarships

Since 1998, the League of Christian Schools has continuously supported the mission of Christian education by sponsoring two scholarships, henceforth called the Charles K Smith Scholarships, for graduating seniors attending LCS schools who will be attending one of our approved Assemblies of God colleges or universities (listed below).

It is an honor to provide you with the application for the 2024-2025 Charles K. Smith Scholarship. Please review all documentation and complete all forms for consideration. The deadline for application is January 15. Application review period is from January 15 to January 31. Final decisions are made no later than January 31. No applications postmarked after January 15 will be considered. If a scholarship is not awarded, the Board of Directors may extend the deadline for applications. In such cases, all schools will be notified of this action. God bless you as you seek His direction for the next important step in His plan for your life.

### About Dr. Charles K. Smith

Dr. Smith served as the head of the League of Christian Schools for nearly ten years. For nearly a decade, Dr. Smith served as the dedicated head of the League of Christian Schools, a role that he approached with passion and a deep sense of purpose. Under his guidance, the League flourished, nurturing a generation of students who were not only academically adept but also grounded in strong Christian values. Dr. Smith's commitment to education extended beyond the classroom. He believed in the power of knowledge to transform lives and communities. His leadership was marked by inclusivity and a genuine desire to provide quality education to all, regardless of background or circumstance.

Dr. Smith has led more school accreditations than can be counted. His valuable contributions to Christian education can be found in the organizational fabric in hundreds of schools he guided in long term improvement through the accreditation process. He was also a consummate mentor to pastors and school leaders all over world. Additionally, Dr. Smith has impacted many teachers as a professor and coordinator of the masters program at Southeastern University. He taught in both the Masters and Doctoral programs. His dedication to education and faith will continue to inspire future generations to lead lives of purpose and compassion.



Dr. Charles Smith was also an ordained Assemblies of God minister, having served in many pastoral positions, including senior pastor and as a Christian school administrator.

### Program Objective for LCS Scholarship

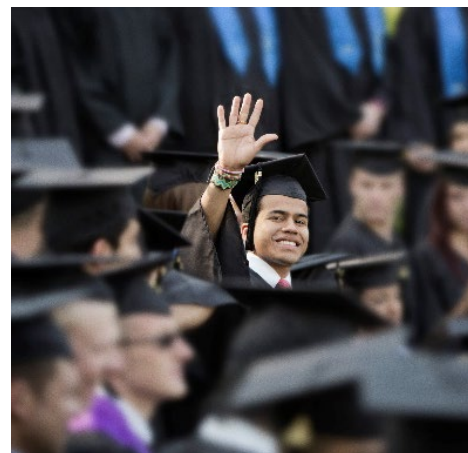
The Charles K. Smith Scholarship program supports the mission of the League of Christian Schools to empower students for passionate Christian service by:

- Promote the League of Christian Schools by awarding scholarships to students of LCS schools.
- Encouraging academic excellence by supporting students who attend Assemblies of God universities.
- Prepare students for serving Christ in their profession and career.
- Providing financial assistance that promotes Christ-centered education.
- Promote education which integrates Christian distinctive and a biblical worldview in all it teaches.
- Support our member schools by recognizing their students of excellence who represent the spiritual and intellectual ideals of the school and LCS.
- Recognize student excellence as demonstrated through academic and biblical scholarship; spiritual, church, or community leadership; and school, church, or community service through voluntary efforts to serve others.

Candidates should consider these program objectives carefully before applying and be prepared to explain in their essays how their study plans will support the objectives. One way of demonstrating support of the objectives could include a commitment to Christian school service or life-long church leadership or service. Scholars are encouraged to support program objectives by choosing a study field that will help address the spiritual needs of the global and local community.

LCS seeks out students who are prepared for the challenge of serving as outstanding ambassadors of Christian love and goodwill. If you receive an LCS Scholarship, you will be expected to participate in the following activities:

- Maintain full-time academic studies with diligence.
- Be actively involved in a church.



## Approved Schools

### \$4,000 Scholarship

#### **Southeastern University**

Lakeland, FL

#### **Southwestern Assemblies of God University**

Waxahachie, TX

#### **Evangel University**

Springfield, MO

#### **University of Valley Forge**

Phoenixville, PA

### \$2,000 Scholarship

American Indian College - Phoenix, AZ

Caribbean Theological College - Bayamón, PR

Latin American Bible Institute - San Antonio, TX

Latin American Bible Institute College - La Puente, CA

Native American Bible College - Shannon, NC

North Central University – Minneapolis, MN

Northpoint Bible College - Haverhill, MA

Northwest University, Kirkland, WA

Trinity Bible College - Ellendale, ND

Vanguard University – Costa Mesa, CA

Western Bible College - Ellendale, ND

## Scholarship Selection

The scholarship recipients are determined by a blind vote of the Board of Directors in the regularly scheduled meeting following the scholarship deadline. The vote will be collected as a blind vote to eliminate influence or duress. Each board member will select the individuals they feel best meet the criteria for the scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to the two applicants with the highest number of votes. If a tie results, a tie-breaking vote will be cast for just the applicants that tied. Letters of Award Notification, along with Letters of Regret, will be mailed via regular mail within 30 days of the final determination of the Board of Directors. If a student rejects the scholarship offer prior to August 1 of their original freshman year, the scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the next highest votes. If a tie exists between the remaining applicants, the tie breaking rule above will be observed. If the applicant rejects the offer after August 1, or does not attend the university, no further action will be taken, and the scholarship will not be awarded. If a student withdraws from college during the first two years, they will lose the scholarship. The decision of the Board of Directors is final in all cases.

## Instructions for Scholarship Applicants

### Essays

Please prepare the following document with your name and the name of your school in the upper right-hand corner. In your paper please include:

- A **brief** autobiography, **no longer than one and one-half pages** (excluding translation for international students), describing:
  - Academic strengths and challenges
  - Acceptance of Christ
  - Work experience
  - Christian service activities
- A detailed statement of intent, **no longer than two pages**, describing:
  - Your proposed field of study and future career plans, including an explanation of how these plans will advance the cause of Christ.
  - How you determined your choice of college and how they support your goals for Christian service.

### Recommendation Forms

Applicants should complete Section I and your principal and two academic instructors or appropriate advisors complete Section II of the Recommendation Forms, respectively, of this application. You should inform principals, educators, or advisors completing these recommendations that it is for the purpose of the Charles K. Smith Scholarship program.

### Transcripts

Provide original transcripts covering high school credits through the last semester of the Junior year, or 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the senior year.



Please check the scholarship type for which you are applying (check one only):

☐ Teacher Education

☐ Other Major (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

College or University you will attend as a freshman:

- ☐ American Indian College - Phoenix, AZ
- ☐ Caribbean Theological College - Bayamón, PR
- ☐ Evangel University – Springfield, MO
- ☐ Latin American Bible Institute - San Antonio, TX
- ☐ Latin American Bible Institute College - La Puente, CA
- ☐ Native American Bible College - Shannon, NC
- ☐ North Central University – Minneapolis, MN
- ☐ Northpoint Bible College - Haverhill, MA

- ☐ Northwest University - Kirkland, WA
- ☐ Southeastern University - Lakeland, FL
- ☐ Southwestern Assemblies of God University - Waxahachie, TX
- ☐ Trinity Bible College - Ellendale, ND
- ☐ University of Valley Forge - Phoenixville, PA
- ☐ Vanguard University – Costa Mesa, CA
- ☐ Western Bible College - Ellendale, ND

## Applicant Information

Student Last Name	First Name	M. I.
Home Address ' Number and Street	City and State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number	Email Address	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>

## High School Information

Name of School	Principal's Name
School Street	City and State
School Phone Number	Zip
School Fax Number	Principal's Email

## Academic Ranking

Graduating Class Size

Rank in Class (NA if school does not rank) \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point average (at end of Junior Year) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please attach an official copy of your transcript.

## Student Leadership

Please indicate your involvement:

	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Name of Office or Honor Held
National Honor Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Class Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Student Council/Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
High School Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FCA/FCS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Service clubs:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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## Interscholastic Activities

List the interscholastic activities you have participated in since the ninth grade.

Activity (Please List):	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Special Recognitions?
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## Membership in Other Organizations

List membership and involvement in organizations outside the school:

Organization (Please List):	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Special Recognition
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## Work Experience

List any work experiences that you wish us to be aware of:

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## Attestations

### Applicant

***I understand that:***

- Scholarship will be awarded for attendance at an AG college or university ONLY.
- A check in the amount of \$500 will be awarded each semester for the first four semesters of attendance.
- Awards checks are made directly to the college or university AND the recipient.
- Scholarship can be awarded one time only.
- Award is renewable for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters with 2.5 or higher GPA.
- Award renewal may require a final report to be submitted at the conclusion of the semester.
- Failure to submit the final report (if requested) within 14 days of the end of the semester may forfeit future awards.

I certify that my responses are true and factual.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

### Principal/Advisor

I have reviewed the applicant's responses and certify that they are correct as indicated in the school records.

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Signature of Principal/Advisor

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Date

**Before you send applications to the League of Christian Schools, be sure you have:**

1. Completed the entire application interview and endorsement sections.
2. Confirmed that all essays and sealed Recommendation Forms are enclosed.
3. Made a copy of the application for your files.

Forward the complete application to:

**League of Christian Schools  
Charles K. Smith Scholarship  
1437 E. Memorial Blvd  
Lakeland, FL 33801**

## Principal's Recommendation

### SECTION I — to be completed by the applicant.

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Name of Applicant

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Principal's name and address

I ☐ waive ☐ do not waive my right to access information on the Recommendation Form.

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Signature of Applicant

### SECTION II — to be completed by the principal.

*Recommendations on letterhead are acceptable. If more space is needed, please use the back of this page.*

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In your opinion, how firm is the applicant's commitment to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Church Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian Testimony/Witness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated initiative and Christian leadership.

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5. Please include any additional comments on the back of this page.

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Name

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Title or Position

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Signature

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Date

*Please return completed evaluation to the applicant in a sealed school envelope.*

## Teacher/Advisor Recommendation

### SECTION I — to be completed by the applicant.

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Name of Applicant

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Teacher/Advisor name and address

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Signature of Applicant

### SECTION II — to be completed by the teacher/advisor.

*Recommendations on letterhead are acceptable. If more space is needed, please use the back of this page.*

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In your opinion, how firm is the applicant's commitment to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Church Attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature

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Date

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