

SVBC Christian College Fund

Skokie Valley Baptist Church

Summary:

The “Christian Colleges and Universities Scholarship Fund” is established to promote Christian higher education among the students and families represented within Skokie Valley Baptist Church (SVBC). There is a spiritual battle within higher education. Statistics say that 70% of students walk away from their faith during college years. Although a Christian college is not enough to resolve this problem, tangibly encouraging students to consider Christian schools is a step in the right direction.

School qualifications:

The school must affirm the doctrinal statement of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) or have a doctrinal statement which in no way diverges from the NAE doctrinal statement.

Student qualifications:

1. A student will be qualified to receive this scholarship no more than four years for an undergraduate program and/or three years for a graduate or post-graduate program.
2. At least one of the student’s parents (or the student themselves) must have regularly attended SVBC for a minimum of 2 (two) years before the student is qualified to receive the scholarship.
3. The student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher. If the student’s GPA drops below 2.3, they will forfeit qualification until such time that the GPA returns to 2.3.

Receipt of donations:

All donors (including parents of students) are free to contribute to this fund, realizing that funds will not be designated toward any single student but equally available to all.

Distribution of benefits:

1. Payments will be made directly to the student’s school for fixed costs (e.g., tuition, school housing)
2. All applicants will be treated equally, regardless of size of need.
3. For students pursuing full-time ministry, the benefit will be calculated double (e.g., a student pursuing an engineering degree at Cedarville may receive \$1000 in a semester, whereas a student pursuing a Master of Divinity at Trinity will receive \$2000 in the same semester).
4. Scholarship will be strictly limited to funds available at the time of distribution.

Process:

1. The student must be accepted into the Christian school and confirm intention to enroll.
2. The student will write a letter of request including: (1) what school and degree program they are enrolled in (include student ID number, if known), (2) a brief plan for how they will/do prioritize growing in their faith while at school, and (3) a transcript to confirm GPA (unofficial is allowed).
3. Disbursements will be made twice per year according to Fall and Spring semesters. Deadlines for requests are listed below, and late requests will not be permitted.
 - a. Fall requests must be received by Aug. 1st
 - b. Spring requests must be received by Dec. 1st
4. Shortly after the deadlines, the review committee (including one pastor, one Board member, and one member-at-large, all unrelated to potential recipients) will meet to screen all requests and compile a list of recipients.
5. The resulting list of recipients will be submitted to the Treasurer / Business Manager for disbursement of funds.

NAE Statement of Faith

<https://www.nae.net/statement-of-faith/>

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.