

Springhouse Worship & Arts Center College Scholarship Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Springhouse Worship & Arts Center is interested in your college career and wants to help you further your educational goals as well as your spiritual growth. To begin the application process, please follow the steps outlined below:

1. Carefully read the attached "Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures" to understand the application and the interview procedure, eligibility requirements, and awards process. Complete ALL parts of the application.
2. Prepare a biographical narrative. Describe yourself and include your educational objectives, reasons you are applying for this award, financial need, and how you see God leading you in these areas. The narrative should be limited to two (2) printed pages
3. Include a recent photo of yourself.
4. Obtain an up-to-date, official **sealed** copy of your high school transcript and a copy of your most recent, or highest, college entrance exam scores. (SAT/ACT)
5. Obtain a letter of recommendation from someone in academics (teacher, principal, or counselor).
6. Have a Springhouse Worship & Arts Center church leader (pastor, youth pastor, or elder) complete the attached evaluation form.
7. Have a parent or guardian complete the attached parental evaluation questions.
8. Submit the following items to the church secretary in a manila envelope (use this as your checklist): ***Be SURE to follow all highlighted directives/signatures**
 1. Completed application with photo
 2. Completed verification of church membership
 3. Personal Narrative
 4. Official **sealed** high school transcript
 5. Copy of college entrance exam scores
 6. Academic letter of recommendation
 7. **Sealed** Pastoral evaluation
 8. Parental evaluation

All applications must be received **no later than Thursday, April 9, 2020**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Items should be created in Microsoft Word, or similar word processor program.

We pray for your success in school and for the path that God has put before you.

Sincerely,

Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship Committee

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:4-7

**VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP
AT SPRINGHOUSE WORSHIP & ARTS CENTER**

****This form should be completed and signed by the SWAC church secretary or SWAC Youth Pastor****

This is to certify that _____
Name of scholarship applicant

is an active member of the SWAC Youth Group or that one or more parent(s) or guardians of this student is an active member of Springhouse Worship & Arts Center.

Signed:

Signature

Title

Date

Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures

Background & Objective

The Springhouse Worship & Arts Center College Scholarship was created in 1998 when the church was known as Smyrna Assembly. At that time, the Deacon Board of the church identified the Scholarship Fund as one of the needs within the fellowship and incorporated it into the church budget under the line item of Benevolence. In 2013, the Administrative Board changed the scholarship funding from Benevolence to a separate budget item.

Scholarship awards are determined by the Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship Committee. The Administrative Board has created this committee to review applications, conduct interviews, and award the scholarship(s). There will be a minimum of one Elder on the committee. At this date the Committee members are: Carol Manaugh, Joel Oechsle (Elder), Jim Becker, Nicelle Priebe, and Eden Smith.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant **must** meet the following requirements:

**Church membership at Springhouse Worship & Arts Center as verified by SWAC Youth Pastor or Church Secretary on the scholarship application form.

A graduating high school senior or completing high school equivalency and will be enrolled in college as a **full-time, first year student.

Plan to enroll **full-time in an accredited institution of higher education.

**Intend to pursue a degree (ex: A.A/ A.S. or B.A. /B.S.) in any field of study.

The Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship Committee evaluates any exceptions to these requirements on an individual basis.

Applicant Packet and Deadline Date

To participate in the Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship program, a student must submit an applicant packet to Springhouse Worship & Arts Center. The packet should contain:

- ** A recent photo of the applicant.
- ** A completed application form. (**No hand written submissions.**) *NOTE: To be able to key in the information on the downloaded application form you must first "Save As" the document to your computer hard drive, type in your responses, SAVE these changes, and then print out a hard copy.*
- ** Signed verification of church membership.
- ** A personal, biographical narrative. This should include: educational objectives, relationship with Jesus Christ, church involvement within the last 3 years, financial need, and how God is leading the applicant in these areas. Narrative limited to two (2) typed pages, Times New Roman or Arial 12-point font.
- ** An **official** copy of up-to-date high school transcript and college entrance exam scores. (An **official** copy comes directly from the school in a **sealed** envelope)
- ** An academic letter of recommendation, a completed pastoral evaluation, and a completed parental evaluation.

All application materials should be placed in a sealed envelope and turned in to the church office no later than THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Interview, Evaluation, and Award Process

Once the applications have been received, every eligible applicant will have the opportunity to be interviewed and evaluated by the Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship Committee. Each applicant will be notified of the date and time for his/her interview.

Prior to the interview, the members of the Scholarship Committee will be given a copy of each student's application for review and pre-evaluation. Following the interview, candidates will be evaluated as individuals by the committee on the basis of equally weighted criteria and then ranked among their peers. The criterion includes: academic achievement, extracurricular activities (sports, school clubs, work experience, social media), church involvement (youth group, mission trips, Christian involvement at school), the student's narrative, and the ability to convey thoughts and ideas. All applicants will be notified regarding the committee's decision.

Award Disbursement

When an applicant is notified that s/he is an award recipient, the student will be provided a check in the amount of \$1000 made payable to the university the recipient is attending in August 2020.

Parental Evaluation Questions

Please choose **two** (2) of the following questions and type a **Word document** with your responses on a separate, attached sheet **with your signature.** ****Please use BLUE or BLACK ink when signing****

Limit each response to 300 words.

1. How does your child's faith find expression in his/her life?
 2. Describe a situation in which your child took on a significant responsibility. In what ways did this affect him/her?
 3. What areas of maturity have you observed in your child that indicates an ability to handle independent living?
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****It is the Student's responsibility to see that the completed application and all supporting documents are in the Springhouse Worship & Arts Center office no later than THURSDAY, April 9, 2020.**

Springhouse Worship & Arts Center Scholarship Application

Read the attached Guidelines and Procedures before completing the application.
Only completed applications will be considered.

Name: Last, First, Middle:

Email:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Birth Date:

Address:

High School:

School Address:

School Principal:

Phone:

Cumulative H.S. GPA:

College Entrance Exam Score: ACT

SAT (Verbal, Math):

If necessary, use a separate sheet for each question and title each sheet with the question you are answering.

1. Extracurricular/school-sponsored activities:

2. Jobs held during last three years:

3. Outside interests and/or hobbies:

4. High School recognition/awards received:

College/School you plan to attend:

1st choice:	Application Status:
2nd choice:	Application Status:
3rd choice:	Application Status:

Scholarships/awards/already received:

Other Scholarships/awards applying for:

Parents or Guardian(s):

Father:

Name	Occupation/Employer
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Mother:

Name	Occupation/Employer
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Number and ages of brothers/sisters under 18-years-old, living at home:

Number of brothers/sisters presently attending college:

Name and location of colleges they attend:

Applicant's Signature: _____

I attest that the applicant is my biological, adopted, stepchild, or legal dependent.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Parent or Guardian's Name Printed

Date

Home phone number

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Attach a Word document biographical narrative describing your educational objectives, your relationship with Jesus Christ, your church involvement within the last three years, financial need, and how you see God leading you in these areas. The narrative should be limited to two (2) printed pages, double-spaced, and in Times New Roman or Arial 12-point font.

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Name of applicant: _____

PASTORAL EVALUATION

To be completed by a SWAC PASTOR: * If you are a relative of the applicant, please have another member of the pastoral staff complete this form.

Dear Pastor:

We believe that you are interested in the future of the young person from Springhouse Worship & Arts Center named above. S/he is applying for one of the Springhouse Worship & Arts Center scholarships. Your cooperation in answering a few questions will be of great value in helping us to evaluate this applicant. A prompt reply will be appreciated and held in confidence. Please note this completed evaluation is due by:

Thursday, April 9, 2020

****Please use BLUE or BLACK ink****

1. How long have you been acquainted with the applicant? _____

2. Briefly describe why you believe the applicant is an outstanding member of the church/youth group and qualifies for this scholarship: _____

3. Describe ways this person exhibits a consistent Christian witness: _____

4. Please make additional helpful comments on the reverse side of this form that will assist the committee in considering this applicant for a scholarship.

<u>(Please Check)</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Not Known</u>
Emotional stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Moral character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect for authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Church involvement	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spiritual life	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Please print your name: _____ Date: _____

Please return to the applicant in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name displayed on the outside.