

**Church of the Foothills**  
**Scholarship Program and Guidelines**  
***For Academic Year 2022-2023***

Church of the Foothills (COTF) Scholarship program is administered by the Outreach and Benevolence Board as one way the Board supports the Church's participation in Christian social action and concern, specifically supporting the post-secondary (i.e., post-high school) education of its recipients.

The Board oversees a special offering in support of scholarship distribution and may allocate funding from the Board's current-year budget, on a case-by-case basis.

To be eligible for a COTF Scholarship, candidates must meet one of the following criteria (in priority order):

1. Members of the Church;
2. The immediate family members of the Church (parents, spouses, siblings or children);
3. The extended family members of the Church;
4. Clients of Agencies supported by the Church (financially or otherwise); or
5. At the discretion of the Outreach and Benevolence Board, any individuals not meeting the above definitions, accompanied by a personal statement of introduction (presentation) from a member of the Church.

Candidates seeking Scholarship support are required to complete a COTF Academic Scholarship Application form (available electronically or from the Church office). The Board will review all submitted Applications and will reply back to the Candidate in a timely manner.

The following are the Criteria used for funding Scholarship applications:

**1. Financial Need:**

The Board will consider how the student plans on financing their education. Students applying for scholarship primarily based on financial need should clearly state in their application what (if any) other source of funding has been secured and/or is being applied for, if they will be working while attending school, the detailed total student cost (tuition, student fees and parking, but not including books), and any other relevant data associated with financial need.

**2. Exceptional Strength of Character:**

Students who have overcome obstacles related to health, family, social, educational or economic disadvantages are encouraged to indicate this on the Application. Circumstances that show strength of character and potential for achievement will be appropriately considered by the Board.

**3. Academic Merit:**

Academic achievement, including previous grades, rank in class, standardized test scores and achievement test scores are all direct measures of Academic Merit. In addition, consideration is given to other awards and recognition, participating in extracurricular and/or community activities, and Leadership (i.e., experience leading groups, providing direction to others, teaching, training, organizing, managing and/or carrying more responsibility on behalf of a group or organization, etc.).

The funding of any Scholarship request will be for the specific academic year in which the application was submitted. Follow-on applications will need to be submitted for subsequent years.