

THE IDLEWILD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION FOR FALL 2019/SPRING 2020

APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: The Idlewild Foundation Scholarship Fund is available for undergraduate degrees and vocational/technical certifications only. No funding is currently available for post-graduate studies.

Summary of the Application Requirements and Process

Do I qualify for the scholarship? Can you answer YES to each of these criteria?

- Are you a born-again Christian who is attending and currently active in church, small group, and ministries of the church?
- Are you able to demonstrate a financial need to fully cover your educational goals?
- Are you a high school senior or college student? Do you have a GED?
- Are you a law-abiding citizen living a lifestyle that is not contrary to the fidelity of Bible doctrine, Biblical moral purity, or the unity of fellowship in the church?
- Do you plan to pursue a degree at an institution that is receiving Title IV funds? (This means that the students of the institution are eligible to receive federal financial aid.)
- If you previously received scholarship funds, can you provide a transcript that reflects your full academic record, including your grades and all courses attempted?
- Will you agree to write a thank you letter in the format we request for the donors to The Idlewild Foundation Scholarship Program? This letter will be due no later than the middle of the semester for which you have sought a scholarship.

How will the committee make its decision on my application? The scholarship committee will consider these elements of your application:

- The level of your participation in small groups and ministries of Idlewild Baptist Church, such as completion of Starting Point, and active participation in a Bible Fellowship class. If you are away at school, the committee will consider your level of participation in a Bible-based church.
- The level of demonstrated financial need as demonstrated by FAFSA forms, income tax returns, financial hardship to the student and the student's family, as well as other personal factors and extenuating circumstances.
- The level of involvement in school and/or community activities.
- Prior academic performance, including standardized test scores (like ACT and SAT), high school and college transcripts, and academic honors and awards.
- Consideration of the student's (or their parent's) military service and/or public safety employment.
- Conclusions drawn by your demonstration of motivation, character, ability, potential, and your determination to pursue and obtain a degree.
- Decisions by the scholarship committee are final.

How can I apply for the scholarship?

- You will find the application available at a Welcome Desk, kiosks, or online at IdlewildFoundation.org.
- Complete the application and submit all applicable documents. These are:
 - Your federal income tax return for the past three years. If your parents claim you on their tax returns, please submit their tax returns for the past three years.
 - Award letters and notifications for all sources of funding that you will receive, including PELL grant funds, Merit scholarships, Bright Futures. If you are receiving any additional funds, you must include that information.
 - Your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) award notification letter. If you are not sure how to do this, you may type 'FAFSA application' into a browser or go the Financial Aid office of your institution.
 - A document showing your college fees and tuition charges.
 - Transcripts of your educational experience. This may be your high school transcript or college transcript. If you have attended more than one college, please submit transcripts for each institution you have attended.
- Submit your completed application *with all required documents* by the deadline of **April 30, 2019**. You may submit your application package to the Administrative Office of Idlewild Baptist Church during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM). If you wish to mail it, please send to:

The Idlewild Foundation Scholarship
Attn: John Campbell
18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd
Lutz FL 33548

What if I still have questions?

- The Idlewild Foundation offers free academic counseling, as needed. A retired college administrator is available to meet with you to discuss things like this: How do I choose a college? How do I choose a major? How do I know what classes to take?
- If you have questions or need additional information, please email acook@idlewild.org.

STUDENT APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
For Fall 2019/Spring 2020

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone Carrier (for texting purposes): _____

- Yes No I have previously been awarded a scholarship from The Idlewild Foundation. If yes, date _____.
- Yes No I am a member of the armed forces or a Public Safety Employee (see definition below).
- Yes No I am a son/daughter of a member of the armed forces or a Public Safety Employee (see definition below).

Public Safety Employee: Under the law these are persons who currently or have in the past served in a broad category of jobs including any of the following where their principal duties included:

- services requiring specialized training in the area of police protection, firefighting services, or emergency medical services for any city, county, state or in any area within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida;
- customs and border protection officers;
- air traffic controllers;
- any fire and rescue service including Hazmat services, ambulance or EMS service;
- Police and/or security guard licensing services: including crime prevention, suppression and investigation, uniformed patrol and response, and operates the Crimestoppers Program;
- Emergency communication including an organization that operates the public interface emergency communications telephone system by providing the 9-1-1 and Enhanced 911 emergency telephone numbers;
- Office of Emergency Services (OES) which plans for and operates the Emergency Operations Center during calamities, disasters, special events and emergencies;
- Inspections and code enforcement, usually building safety, which includes construction, electrical et al. and/or vehicle inspections;
- Animal control, including wildlife officers, game wardens, and dog catchers; and
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): includes administration of driver's licenses and license plates.

Describe military/public safety employee service of your parent(s), guardian(s) and/or yourself. If none, mark N/A.

List school in which you are currently enrolled (if not enrolled, mark N/A):

School Name: _____

Principal/Headmaster/Academic Advisor: _____

Course of Study: _____

City/State: _____

List other secondary or post-secondary schools (high school, college, etc.) which you have attended and which have granted a diploma or degree to you:

School Name: _____

Principal/Headmaster/Academic Advisor: _____

Course of Study: _____

City/State: _____

School Name: _____

Principal/Headmaster/Academic Advisor: _____

Course of Study: _____

City/State: _____

School Name: _____

Principal/Headmaster/Academic Advisor: _____

City/State: _____

IDLEWILD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please list all family members who attend Idlewild Baptist Church, including yourself.

Name

Relationship

Membership Date

Number of other siblings currently attending college _____.

Name of Idlewild Groups you actively attend and have attended: _____

Do you actively attend and participate in other weekly ministries? If so, please describe: _____

Describe all ministries/activities you are involved in while attending school out of the local area: _____

Name of church and contact information for pastor in charge of the ministry: _____

Please note: Inactivity in church and ministry may disqualify you.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School or program for which scholarship grant is to be applied:

School Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

(If scholarship is awarded please list address below where funds will be sent. Please verify this information with your institution as it may not be the general mailing address of the school)

Address: _____

The academic term/period for which scholarship grant is to be used is Fall 2019 and/or Spring 2020

Enrollment Status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Type of Degree: _____ Major: _____

Hours to be taken: Fall: _____ Spring: _____

Courses to be taken: On Campus On-line

Are you presently enrolled at the above school? Yes No If not, have you been accepted? Yes No

If neither, explain: _____

Attach copies of Federal Tax returns for you and your parents/guardians (the returns used

for FAFSA (if you are still a dependent) showing the adjusted gross income for the last three years.

Please write the adjusted gross income amounts for the last three years below. (2016, 2017, 2018)

| | First Year (2016) | Second Year (2017) | Third Year (2018) |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| You | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Parents/Guardians | \$ | \$ | \$ |

**What other sources of Financial Aid are you awarded? (*Pell Grant, Bright Futures, etc.*)
(Please attach copies of the notification of these awards)**

Source of Financial Aid

Estimated Amount

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Describe your financial need for the Idlewild Foundation Scholarship: _____

List any relevant church, school, or community service, activities, honors and awards you have received.

Name of Activity, Honor, Award

Description

Date Received

Describe your educational and career plans: _____

CERTIFY STATEMENT, FERPA WAIVER AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I certify that I am a law-abiding person currently living a lifestyle that is not contrary to the fidelity of Biblical doctrine, Biblical moral purity or the unity of fellowship in the Church.

I also certify, to the best of my knowledge, that I am not:

- A contributor to The Idlewild Foundation Scholarship Fund, or
- A person with advisory privileges over the Fund, or
- An officer, director, or trustee of any contributor to the Fund (or individual with having similar powers or responsibilities).

I hereby waive my privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and agree that The Idlewild Foundation may communicate directly with my school, that my school may provide information to The Idlewild Foundation, and further, and that The Idlewild Foundation may communicate with the donors of my scholarship funds on my education and progress.

**Please be sure to review the checklist for all needed forms and information listed below.
Your application should be complete prior to submitting.**

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

CHECK LIST FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE

I have attached the following required documents to this application: Please check off documents

- My Award Letters/Notifications for other sources of funding.
- My FAFSA confirmation page showing the EFC number and statement showing the eligibility for either a Pell Grant or Stafford Loan, including potential amount of grant and/or loan(s). This information is found on the SAR (Student Aid Report).
- Tax returns used for FAFSA for 2016, 2017, and 2018 for my parent(s)/guardian(s) if they claim me on their taxes, or my tax returns.
- My school fee schedule showing annual costs including tuition costs, lab fees, room and board fees (if applicable), cost of books, etc. This will be verified with your registration for the semester. Your registration should show your tuition costs, costs for room and board and applied financial aid. You will be responsible for providing this information to us.
- My college transcripts (two semesters) or my high school transcripts.

What Happens Next?

Upon completion of the Fall 2019/Spring 2020 application process each application package will be reviewed for completion. If you are missing any required documents, you will be notified and your application will be placed on hold until the missing information is received. Your membership and ministry activity will be verified. The Idlewild Foundation Scholarship Fund Selection Committee will review all completed application packages for consideration.

Once qualified applicants are approved, scholarship amounts will be calculated and scholarship recipients will be notified by letter. All scholarship recipients are required to write a short letter of thanks that will be shared with donors of the Scholarship Fund following the distribution of funds to scholarship recipients. If you have any questions, please email acook@idlewild.org or call 813-264-8713