



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Scholarship Application

2026

The Impact Church of The Woodlands Christian Leadership Scholarship is designed to encourage high school seniors to pursue excellence in the context of a commitment to Biblical Christian faith, leadership and service, while preparing to enter the professional workforce. For full consideration, [see](#) guidelines below:

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- (1) Applicant must be a graduating senior and **CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBER** of Impact Church of The Woodlands Youth Ministry and/or church services.
 - **Active Members** are defined as those who attend youth services, activities and/or events on a regular basis. Displays leadership qualities and Christ-like attitude in and outside of the ministry.
 - **Inactive Members** are defined as those who do not attend youth service or the main church service, activities and/or events on a regular basis.
 - **New Members** are eligible if they joined prior to September 1 and meet all eligibility guidelines.
- (2) Must be actively involved: serving in a ministry at Impact Church for **one year or longer**, showing leadership among peers, taking leadership roles when approached by leaders of the church, consistently attending youth classes, Bible Fellowship and/or Tuesday Night Bible Study.
- (3) Submit an Official High School transcript. Must have seal and signature of High School Registrar.
- (4) Submit a typed 1500-word essay demonstrating writing skills and ability to follow instructions.
(Topic: Description of Christian experience, your church and youth ministry involvement, how you plan to serve God in college and beyond, and where you see God leading you in the next 5 to 10 years).
- (5) Submit two (3) letters of recommendation.
 - One from a school official of the high school you are attending.
 - One from a community/church leader who can certify your community service involvement.
 - **Church** leaders must indicate the amount of time you have volunteered with the ministry. Please be specific in your responses. You must submit the specific dates and ministry you volunteered.

- Letters of recommendation must be written and signed by the person who is making the recommendation.

(6) Submit current Grade Point Average (G.P.A). Must be on school letterhead or on official High School transcript.

(7) Submit a copy of recent SAT OR ACT scores

(8) Submit a recent photo

(9) Submit participation in extracurricular school activities (Please use provided form)

(10) Submit a list of church activities. (Please use provided form)

(11) Submit a list of community involvement/ service rendered. (Please use provided form)

- Fill out list included and submit copies of certificates or letters from organizations. Letters must be on the organization's letterhead stating hours of service rendered. Certificates or letters must accompany your list. This is required to verify hours of service.

(12) Submit a list of other awards and honors (Please use provided form)

****Please note membership does not equal leadership.**

How to Apply

All applicants must obtain the scholarship application from our church website or weekly newsletter. Our website is myimpactchurch.org.

Submit final application by mail only to Impact Church of The Woodlands, 5401 Shadowbend Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381. Must be certified and postmarked by **March 31, 2026**. No exceptions.

Each applicant may submit only one application. In the event an applicant submits more than one application, only the last application received will be accepted; all previously submitted applications shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. Final submission must be received prior to deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. We will not piece together your application due to lack of preparation.

Carefully review your application before submission. All pages must be completed and entered in the format required. Once the application is submitted, no further additions or revisions may be made. We will not accept any hand delivered documents.

Timeline

Period during which applications will be accepted: **January 15, 2026 – March 31, 2026**.

Deadline

Final application must be received by **March 31, 2026**. There are NO EXCEPTIONS; late applications will not be considered. The Scholarship Committee is not responsible for and will not consider any late, lost, or incomplete applications. Please do not call the office to request an extension.

Content

All information contained in the application must be complete, true, and verifiable, and otherwise meet all eligibility requirements of the Program. Any application containing false or intentionally, or materially misleading information shall be disqualified.

Upon submission, all entries become the property of the Scholarship Committee and will not be returned to the applicant.

The required essay must be written ***solely by the applicant.***

Judging

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges composed of representatives chosen by the Scholarship Committee.

The judges will first review each application to ensure the submission is complete, and the applicant meets all of the eligibility requirements contained in the Rules & Regulations. All incomplete applications submitted by ineligible applicants will be disqualified.

All applications will be judged based on the same criteria: spiritual church leadership 35%, essay, 25%, letters of recommendation 15%; church, school, and community activities 25%. Applicant with the best overall essay will receive an additional scholarship award.

Notification

Award recipients will be notified by telephone and/or email. Recipients are chosen by Scholarship Selection Committees. Only students receiving scholarships will be notified. The official announcements will be made during church service in May 2026.

Post Award Requirements

- Scholarship award ceremony participation: essay winner may be asked to read essay during ceremony or to youth bible fellowship class
- Provide high school award ceremony information
- Complete scholarship disbursement form
- Video/letter post first semester; email to info@myimpactchurch.org by February 15th of the following school year.

Restrictions

- Scholarship redemption is subject to the recipient submitting verification of enrollment at a qualifying Institution.
- Scholarship may NOT be used for online courses or distance learning programs UNLESS the online course or distance learning program is offered by an educational institution, which also maintains a regular faculty and curriculum, normally having a regular enrolled student body that attends classes at a physical location.
- Scholarship Awards must be used only for educational-related expenses.
- Scholarships will be paid **directly to the qualifying Institution.**
- Scholarships are not transferable.
- If an award recipient withdraws from enrollment during the academic year of the scholarship without the approval of the Scholarship Committee, any refund will be property of the Scholarship Committee.

Applicant Information

Applicant Information:

Name

Telephone #

E-Mail

Address:

Number, Street, and Apartment Number: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian Contact Information:

Name

Telephone #

E-Mail

1. _____

2. _____

Name of High School:**Current GPA (include grade scale)****Name of College you plan to attend:****How long have you been a member of Impact:**

Interest & Hobbies

Share some additional information about yourself: Hobbies, Special Interest, etc.

Church Activities

Please indicate your participation in Impact Church of The Woodlands activities. Include time of service.

For Example: Choir, Greeter, Usher, Serving our Seniors, etc.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Extracurricular Activities: include time of service

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Community Involvement & Service

List organization and verifiable hours of service rendered from past four (4) years.

Please include copies of certificates and/or letters from organization(s).

Name of Organization	Hours
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
Total Number of Hours:	

Awards and Honors

List any honors or awards received for all Achievements for participation in: Scholastic or Athletic Competitions, Church Activities, Summer Camp Programs, Service Awards, etc. Please include copies of certificates, letters or medals received included with your application to verify honors and awards received.

Name of Organization
1.
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3.
4.
5.

I _____ have read and understand the conditions of the Impact Church of The Woodlands Christian Leadership Scholarship as explained in the current. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand applicants will be evaluated on academic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. **No one factor** will determine the outcome of an application. Should I be awarded scholarship funds, the payment will be submitted directly to my selected school after an official letter of enrollment is submitted to the Scholarship Committee.

Date _____

Applicant Signature_____

Date _____

Ministry Leader Signature_____

(Area applicant volunteers/serves) – if multiple, please include on separate form. Volunteer hours must include hours prior to senior year as well.

Date _____

Youth Pastor – Rev. Christopher Banks

Signature/Verification_____

Date _____

Christian Education Director – Dr. Michelle Black

Signature/Verification_____