



Lighthouse Christian Ministries Educational Scholarship Application

Before applying please read the following requirements and qualifications:

Application Timeline:

For consideration for the fall semester, applications should be received no later than July 1.
For consideration for the spring semester, applications should be received no later than Oct. 1.
For consideration for the summer semester, applications should be received no later than April 1.

Only complete applications with all required elements listed below will be considered. Applications will be reviewed and an interview will be scheduled no later than two weeks past the deadline listed above. Applicants will be notified within two weeks after the completed interview of the decision of the Scholarship Committee.

Qualifications:

- Must be able to demonstrate a concrete educational or career goal that will assist you in providing a living wage for your family (<http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/48167>)
- Have no current drug or alcohol abuse
- Should have received a H.S. Diploma or GED

Application Requirements:

- Fill out application in its entirety and attach all required documentation. For assistance or questions while filling out the application, please contact **crystal@lighthousecm.org**
- Apply for government financial aid (FAFSA) and provide a copy with your application
- Provide 3 signed letters of recommendation (teacher, pastor, employer, etc.), with contact information for each
- Provide past transcripts or evidence of your H.S. Diploma/GED
- Provide a copy of your household budget
- Provide a copy of your current or proposed Plan of Study
- Provide a signed consent form allowing LCM to conduct a criminal background check
- Write a 3-5 paragraph essay stating your education goals, how and why you plan to achieve these goals and what employment opportunities you hope to have once your education is complete
- Be available for an interview with the Scholarship Committee

Once Accepted:

- Meet all enrollment and registration deadlines for your school/program and LCM's Scholarship program
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Meet with your assigned mentor 3 times a semester
- Comply with all LCM Scholarship program expectations that will be documented in an agreement once accepted into the program and will be reviewed and renewed each semester.
- Provide an official transcript at the end of each semester



Household Information:

Marital Status: ___ Married ___ Single ___ Widow ___ Separated/Divorced ___ Common Law

Time at Residence: ___ years ___ months **Type of residence:** ___ House ___ Apt ___ Trailer

Ownership: ___ own ___ rent ___ live w/ family or friends

Is anyone in your household a veteran? _____

Is anyone disabled? _____ If yes, how many? _____

Total Number of people in the household: _____ Adults _____ Children

Household Member Names:

Name	Relationship to you	Birthday	Gender	Us Citizen	SS #

Employment Information:

Are you currently employed: ___ Yes ___ No

Current employment, if not employed please provide most recent job information:

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Start Date: _____ **End Date:** _____ **Wage/Salary:** _____

Employer Reference (Name and phone number): _____

Description of work: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Financial Information:

Please attach a household budget that includes current income, expenses, and debt. We recommend creating a FREE profile at <https://planner.crown.org/Default.aspx> and working through the Money Life Budget tool, once completed a PDF of your household budget can be printed and attached. Computers at LCM are available with internet access if needed.



Career Goals and Assessment:

A requirement of receiving a scholarship through LCM is to demonstrate a concrete career goal that will help you obtain a living wage for your family (<http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/48167>). This will need to be demonstrated in a 3-5 paragraph, typed essay that explains your career goals and future employment opportunities. We also would like to see a completed career assessment. Your school will have a career advising office which can conduct assessments, or they can be done online. Please attach your assessment to the application. Free assessments can be completed at one of the following: www.mynextmove.org or <http://tx.kuder.com/> (create a free profile and use as your activation code: J3776257QRU, step by step instructions are available at <http://www.com.edu/career-services/docs/COM-kuderjourney-registration-2014.pdf>).

Plan of Study: Attach your plan of study for your proposed degree/certification plan.

Letters of Reference: Include 3 letters of reference preferably from a teacher, your pastor, and/or an employer. Letters need to be sealed, signed, and addressed to Lighthouse Christian Ministries.

I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references and employers listed above to give you any and all information concerning my application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



CONSENT TO RELEASE FORM

Lighthouse Christian Ministries adheres to a strict policy of confidentiality. The identity of those who are interviewed by our Educational Scholarship Team as well as their relevant records and/or information will be kept strictly confidential with the exception of:

- Cases where we are required by law to report information concerning child, adult or elder abuse.
- Cases where you report information that you are in danger of harming yourself or others.
- Cases where you have authorized LCM in writing to release information from your file.

I _____, give the Educational Scholarship Team permission to:

- a) Verify any information necessary to process my assistance.
- b) Discuss my case with LCM staff, volunteers, and other agencies to obtain the best service.

I understand that all information I share with LCM is personal and private and I am not required to release this information. I understand that my information will be provided to other organizations when absolutely necessary and only for my benefit. I understand that my records are protected under the Federal and State Confidentiality Regulations and cannot be disclosed without my written consent otherwise provided for by the regulations.

I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time. I further acknowledge that the information to be released was fully explained to me and this consent is given of my own free will.

Participant's Signature

Date

LCM Representative

Date



Application Check List

- _____ Filled out application in its entirety
- _____ Attached Essay
- _____ Attached Proposed Plan of Study
- _____ Attached Household Budget
- _____ Attached Financial Aid Information (FAFSA Application)
- _____ Attached or mailed three Letters of Recommendation
- _____ Attached or mailed an official transcript
- _____ Attached signed consent form

Mail Applications to:

Lighthouse Christian Ministries
800 Grand Ave
Bacliff, TX 77518
281-339-3033

Drop off Applications at:

Lighthouse Resale and Gift Shops
800 Grand Ave
Bacliff, TX 77518
281-339-3033

E-mail Applications to:

crystal@lighthousecm.org

Nondiscrimination statement:

Lighthouse Christian Ministries allows all eligible persons to participate in all LCM programs without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, religion or political belief.

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