

*The* F.A.I.T.H. Initiative  
P. O. Box 3858  
Huntsville, AL 35810

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION (Form 2025A)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only high school seniors and previous winners in their **first** year of college are eligible to receive FAITH Initiative scholarships.

Thank you for taking time to apply for a **Fellowship Advocacy Inspiring Transformation and Hope Initiative (F.A.I.T.H. INITIATIVE) Scholarship**. To complete this application you must:

1. Send with this completed application a one-page typed essay or theme telling why you are applying for the scholarship. In approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the essay, write about any financial hardships you need to overcome in order to attend college. In the other  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the essay, explain your educational and career goals. Only completed application packages will be considered.
2. Send, or have sent, to the F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Scholarship Program a certified transcript that arrives in a sealed envelope. It may be included in your scholarship package.
3. Ask two individuals to send letters of recommendation for the scholarship applicant. At least one of these persons *must be* a current teacher or school official.
4. Send a photo, preferably in cap and gown (Do not send a casual cell-phone photo.)
5. Include proof of enrollment or acceptance as a full-time student to an accredited community college, university, or technical school.

Application, letters, transcript, personal photograph, and proof of enrollment to a higher institution of learning (all of the above) should be sent to the following address: F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 3858, Huntsville, Alabama 35810. **The deadline for receiving all application materials is on March 1, 2025, received at the PO address above.**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the F.A.I.T.H. Scholarship Awards is to provide scholarships to students who are pursuing higher learning at an accredited institution, a community college, or a technical school and who demonstrate potential to become productive members of the community. Scholarship awards are *limited to undergraduate studies* for students residing in the Tennessee Valley (Huntsville/Madison County, Decatur/Morgan County and Athens/Limestone County, Alabama) area. However, recipients are *not limited* to enrollment or acceptance in an institution of higher learning *in Alabama* to receive a scholarship.

## **Awards**

Several undergraduate scholarship awards are available annually. Awards are for one year only, but recipients may re-apply for a second year. (The FAITH Board of Directors reserves the option of how many awards are given.)

## **Eligibility**

1. Applicant must be accepted as a full-time undergraduate student attending an accredited community college, university, or technical school by early spring of the year awarded;
2. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better on a grading scale of 4.0;
3. Applicant must explain his or her financial hardship in an essay;
4. Applicant must provide evidence of public service as a volunteer and include number of hours volunteered last year;
5. Applicant *must attend school* and reside in these Alabama counties: Huntsville/Madison County; Decatur/Morgan County; Athens/Limestone County.
6. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

F.A.I.T.H. Initiative scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, national origin, or sexual orientation. The F.A.I.T.H. Initiative will not award scholarships to applicants who do not meet eligibility requirements and whose application package is incomplete. The Organization reserves the right *not* to award a scholarship in a given year. The Organization also reserves the right to award scholarships to students of an under-represented minority.

## **Selection Criteria**

1. Minimum required cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better;
2. Two letters of recommendation--(At least one of these individuals *must* be a current teacher or school official);
3. A one-page typed essay or theme telling why you are applying for the scholarship. In approximately 1/3 of the essay, write about any financial hardships you need to overcome in order to attend college; in another 1/3, explain your educational and career goals; and in the remaining space, explain why you are motivated to volunteer time to your community.
4. Summary of volunteer experiences; and
5. A *complete* application package.

**Note: It is not necessary to send these explanatory pages with the application form below when you apply.**

**THE FELLOWSHIP ADVOCACY INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION AND HOPE INITIATIVE (F.A.I.T.H. INITIATIVE) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Check the appropriate box:  Initial Applicant  Re-application (This is for a winner applying for second year.)

**A. Biographical Information** (Please write legibly if completing by hand.)

1. Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt # City State Zip/Postal Code

3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

5. Email address \_\_\_\_\_ (Please write legibly.)

6. Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

8. U.S. Citizen  Yes  No

9. Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt # City State Zip Code

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

10. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Apt#                      City                      State                      Zip Code

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Educational Information:**

1. Name of school you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City                      State                      Zip/Postal Code

2. Test Scores: ACT \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your grade point average last semester (A=4.0) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Your cumulative grade point average (A=4.0) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you now receiving financial help for school, including free lunch? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

6. Request that your school send your transcript. It and *all* other materials *must be received* by the date established in the annual announcement for the application to be considered.

**C. Activities, Honors, Awards and Achievements**

List as indicated below:

1. Academic Awards and Honors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Clubs or organizations \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Church and Community Service \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Athletic Activities, Awards and Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**D. References**

List two references from whom you will request a letter of recommendation, who can attest to your character and academic and leadership abilities. (At least one of these individuals *must be* a current teacher or school official.)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Nepotism Statement:**

Policy requires applicants to identify any relation to a current F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Board of Directors or F.A.I.T.H. Scholarship Committee member.

Are you related to any member of the F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Board of Directors or the F.A.I.T.H. Scholarship Evaluation Committee?  Yes  No

If yes, please identify the board member and the relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee. (Initial the blank.)

\_\_\_\_\_ The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge complete and accurate, and I understand that false statements on this application will disqualify me from the scholarship. (Initial the blank.)

I, (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_

(FIRST NAME)

(MI)

(LAST NAME)

give permission for any college or school to release to the F.A.I.T.H. Initiative Scholarship Program any information necessary to process my application to the Program.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's name printed \_\_\_\_\_

## THE FELLOWSHIP ADVOCACY INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION AND HOPE INITIATIVE ESSAY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(FIRST NAME)

(MI)

(LAST NAME)

Essay should be one-page, single-spaced, 12 point font, and must explain why you are applying for the scholarship. In approximately 1/3 of the essay, write about any financial hardships you need to overcome in order to attend college; in another 1/3, explain your educational and career goals; and in the remaining space, explain why you are motivated to volunteer your time to your community.