



Youth & Family Ministry Scholarship Application
Harding University
College of Bible and Religion
Information about the Scholarship

Applicants will need to...

1. Complete this application form. The application is required for all scholarships awarded through the Harding University College of Bible and Religion. All spaces must be filled for the application to be considered.
2. Request three personal references: one business or professional, one religious, and one academic. Supply each of your references with one of the Scholarship Reference Forms along with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Youth and Family Ministry Scholarship Committee
915 E. Market
HU Box 12280
Searcy AR. 72149-2280

Attention: Dr. Daniel B. Stockstill

3. Write and submit the requested Criteria Essay as described in the following section.
4. Attach to your completed application form a recent photograph with your name on the back. A clear photocopy from your most recent high school or university yearbook will be adequate. (The photograph will not be returned.) Include the photo with data sheet and essays.
4. Send the completed application packet with all requested supporting documentation to the above address.
5. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is June 15 in order to be eligible for awards for the fall and spring semesters. Applications received after June 15 will be processed in the order received, but only as funds are available.
6. Scholarships are open to any full-time (12 hours) Youth and Family Ministry major in the College of Bible and Religion. All other Majors are NOT eligible for these awards. If the student changes his/her major or leaves school, the scholarship will be voided the entire semester in which the change occurs.
7. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, cumulative grade point average, character, service to others, professional promise, and clarity of personal goals. As much as possible, the determination will be based upon the assessment of professional promise.
8. These scholarships are awarded to students who intend to devote themselves to church supported ministries. If one does not enter the full time ministry he/she is responsible for repayment of the scholarship awarded. Any exceptions are subject to approval by the Youth and Family Ministry Scholarship Committee.
9. It is assumed that scholarship recipients will be supportive of the College of Bible and Religion. Attendance at Youth Corps or the designated alternate which meet twice monthly at announced times, as well as attendance at other events under the auspices of the College is expected.
10. This Scholarship is NOT automatically renewed each year. Applicants must reapply each spring for awards for the following academic year. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than August 20 in the year of the award.
12. The Lewis Scholarship is awarded as one of the scholarships granted by this committee.



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Criteria Essay

The applicant will compose a four page "Criteria Essay" which describes (1) the applicant's spiritual background and development, (2) any specific obstacles the applicant is determined to overcome in order to be able to attend college and pursue a ministry vocation (and particularly a youth and family ministry degree from Harding), (3) the applicant's ministry goals and any unique ministry experiences, and (4) the applicant's community or church service and leadership experience.

Here is a brief explanation for each of the areas:

1. **Spiritual Background and development**
Describe your spiritual heritage.
Who has been instrumental in your faith development?
What influence did a Youth Ministry have in your spiritual development?
Describe your conversion (when, who was influential, etc.).
Describe the gifts God had given you that will help make you an effective minister
2. **Specific Obstacles you are determined to overcome**
What are the barriers or challenges to your pursuit of youth and family ministry?
What obstacles (such as economic, spiritual, social, geographic, etc..) do you face in completing a youth and family ministry degree?
3. **Ministry Goals and Unique ministry experiences**
Why did you choose Harding University for ministry training?
What led you to your decision to pursue ministry as your vocation?
Describe any experiences that have helped prepare you for ministry?
Where do you hope to be able to serve God?
Do you want to minister full time or part time (if part time, what do you hope to be your vocation)?
4. **Community or Church Service and Leadership**
Describe any volunteer work you have done at church or in your community.
Describe all teaching or tutoring experiences at church or school.
With what groups of people do you specifically enjoy working?
Describe any leadership positions you have held in church youth groups or school clubs, etc.
What special, creative, or challenging activities have you participated in at school, at church, or in the community?



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Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Exceptional	Good	Fair	Poor	No knowledge
Ability to work independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian influence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current academic performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Degree of commitment to ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deserving of this Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enjoys Teenagers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Present date _____

Dates of your association with the applicant from _____ to _____



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Recommendation:

In consideration of the above evaluation, do you recommend this applicant for the Youth and Family Ministry Scholarship?

Strongly recommend Recommend Recommend with reservation Do not recommend

Please **print** the following information:

Recommender's Name:		
Position or Title:		
Home Phone:	Office:	
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Student Data Sheet

Name: _____
Last First Middle Preferred

HU ID#: _____ Campus Box: _____

Dormitory and Room: _____

or Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____ Other Phone: _____

Church Preference: _____ Member: Yes No

Classification: _____ Youth Corps Member: Yes No

Spiritual Birthdate: _____ Marital Status: _____

Birth Date: _____ Social Club: _____

Preferred E-Mail Address: _____

Service Organizations: _____

Internships: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Favorite Leisure Activities: _____

Other Scholarships Received: _____
