



# SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTIAN CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## INFORMATION & APPLICATION

### **SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTIAN CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The San Francisco Christian Center Scholarship provides financial assistance for active members of the San Francisco Christian Center (SFCC) who are attempting to further their education via an accredited college, university, professional or vocational school.

One-year membership required at the time of application and is defined as a twelve (12) month period. Active membership is defined as persons who have completed requirements for membership or youth membership as outlined in the SFCC bylaws and are currently active participants in church activities/ auxiliaries, financial support of the church and attend worship services regularly

The Scholarship Committee oversees the San Francisco Christian Center Scholarship and is also responsible for developing, reviewing, and modifying guidelines of the disbursement requests, and organizing fundraising activities to support the scholarship fund. The SFCC Scholarship award budget is \$15,000.00 and is awarded annually during the SFCC Baccalaureate service. This budget covers both the Margaret Berry Award for Continuing Education and the Dessie Webster Memorial Scholarship Awards.

### **THE MARGARET BERRY AWARD for CONTINUING EDUCATION (GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD)**

The SFCC General Scholarship Award is now named after the late Sister Margaret Berry who served on the SFCC Scholarship Committee since its inception in 1992. She led the committee for 15 years and worked tirelessly to expand the award to include more students each year. Margaret enjoyed learning and had a heart for all students, especially those that returned to school to complete their college degree. The SFCC General Scholarship Award has been renamed after Margaret for her service, leadership and love for all students.

The general scholarship award is not renewable and may be used for undergraduate study only. Awards generally range from \$500 - \$1000.

### **THE DESSIE WEBSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

This scholarship is named after the late Dr. Dessie Webster who founded the Fellowship Bible Institute in San Francisco, California in 1953. It was her dedication to biblical leadership and concern for the community that led her to the founding of the Institute. Dr. Webster served her community as an educator, administrator, evangelist, children's worker, hospital chaplain, family counselor and an urban missionary.

The Dessie Webster Memorial Scholarship Award is a 4-yr renewable award ONLY open to high school seniors and prior Award recipients. \*Recipients must remain eligible and are required to submit an SFCC application each year. Up to four awards will be provided to eligible recipients on an annual basis: (1) \$1600 (1) \$1700 (1) \$1900 and (1) \$2300

### **SFCC SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

- Be a member of San Francisco Christian Center in good standing as outlined in the SFCC Bylaws.
- Be a high school senior or adult planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited college, university or vocational school.
- Provide evidence of a minimum 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Provide evidence of graduation from high school.
- Must maintain minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA throughout academic career.
- Evidence of college acceptance or proof of registration

## **ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: DESSIE WEBSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

- Be a high school senior enrolling in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited college, university or vocational school.
- Be a past eligible recipient.
- Provide evidence of a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA.
- Must maintain minimum 3.25 GPA or higher throughout academic career

## **APPLICATION**

1. Complete SFCC Scholarship Application
2. Provide transcripts with cumulative GPA
3. Provide evidence of college acceptance or schools to which you have applied
4. 2 letters of recommendation for **All Applicants**.
5. The letters must be typed and signed and one (1) is required from a teacher or counselor at your school.
6. A 500-word essay typed and double-spaced on an essay topic listed in the application.

All application materials **must** be received by the due date. Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. Emailed packets will be accepted.

### **Mail completed applications to:**

**San Francisco Christian Center  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
5825-45 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112**

**Or upload completed applications to  
[sfcc.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sfcc.scholarship@gmail.com) applicant folder.**

## **NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The successful applicants will be notified in writing and will be invited to attend the SFCC Annual Baccalaureate Service. **All awardees must be present to accept their award and if they are unable to attend the Baccalaureate Service, must submit a written excuse prior to the service or risk not receiving an award.**

## **HOW TO RECEIVE MONETARY AWARDS**

Awardees must submit **official transcripts** (signed by a school official and sent in a stamped sealed envelope or emailed securely from institution to [sfcc.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sfcc.scholarship@gmail.com)) before award checks are issued. ~~Faxed copies will not be accepted.~~

Scholarship awards checks will be paid in two (2) installments only after all requirements and qualifications have been verified. Awards checks are typically mailed out at the beginning of the first and second semesters/quarters in mid August and February.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

All questions or concerns addressing the Scholarship Committee must be received via the email or in writing. All answers will be provided via email: [sfcc.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sfcc.scholarship@gmail.com)  
Please refrain from contacting the Scholarship Committee to discuss matters by phone.

Cynthia Bell, *Chairperson*  
Cassandra Robertson, *Interim Secretary*  
Kevin Davis, *Scholarship Committee Board Member*

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## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & CRITERIA**

1. Scholarships will be granted only for continued full time (12 units or more) enrollment in an accredited vocational school, community college or four-year college. All SFCC Scholarship Awards are granted on a yearly basis and successful applicants must submit a new applications or any subsequent renewal criteria for consideration and disbursement of funds.
  - a. The **Margaret Berry Award** for Continuing Education is available to eligible recipients for up to six years to complete undergraduate studies.
  - b. The **Dessie Webster Memorial Scholarship Award** is a 4-year renewable award. If eligibility requirements are not maintained the scholarship will be forfeited.
    - i. Dessie Webster Memorial Scholarship awardees are not required to submit a new application annually, but are required to submit an annual report (in addition to transcript submission) in order to verify enrollment status and G.P.A requirements.
    - ii. Annual report forms will be made available to applicants by the SFCC scholarship committee.
  - c. An 18-year-old applicant in their senior year of high school may apply as a SFCC Youth Member only one time. All future applications will only be deemed acceptable if the applicant is an active SFCC member.
  - d. The Scholarship Committee only evaluates completed scholarship applications. Major emphasis is given to the following categories: **Essay, GPA, volunteer work, membership participation, and letters of recommendation.**

2. Book Awards are one time financial awards that could be awarded to SFCC Scholarship recipients and/or applicants that may not meet all eligibility criteria qualifying for a SFCC Scholarship award.
  - a. Book Awards, if awarded, will be given at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee to applicants attending an accredited college, university, professional or vocational school.
  - b. Past awards have been given to students that held other responsibilities such as work or family and could not attend school full time. Also non-member students have received awards because of their affiliation via their guardians, SFCC Missions Department or other SFCC sponsored programs. The book award's value varies year to year and depends in part to the number of qualified recipients receiving SFCC Scholarship awards.

# SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTIAN CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

(This application may be photocopied)

## CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

I am applying for the Dessie Webster Memorial Scholarship Award  
(Applicant must be a high school senior with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25) - Unofficial transcripts accepted for application only!

I am applying for the Margaret Berry Award for Continuing Education  
(Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75) - Unofficial transcripts accepted for application only!

Each question must be answered fully and all required materials must be submitted or the application will be considered INCOMPLETE. Incomplete, illegible, faxed and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.  
**DEADLINE: COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 8, 2018 4:00 P.M.**

Print or Type (typed applications are preferred)

## Personal and Family Information

Title: Mr. Miss. Mrs. Ms.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(All correspondence will be mailed or emailed to the above address unless otherwise instructed)

What other (if any) funds will you receive this year? (Specify amounts and sources):  
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List extracurricular activities and any volunteer/community service that you participated in the last year.  
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What occupation or profession do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

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**High School Applicant Information**

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ (on a 4.0 non-weighted scale)      Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college(s) applied to: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

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Declared Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_

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**Continuing Education Applicant Information**

(Answer questions with N/A if not applicable)

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Completed Credits/Units \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a transfer Student? \_\_\_\_\_ Academic year of transfer \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your academic level for upcoming school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date for current degree (month & year) \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive an SFCC scholarship last year? \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend church while away at school? If so, provide church name and address. If not attending church, please explain as to why:

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**San Francisco Christian Center Related Information**

Type of San Francisco Christian Center membership: \_\_\_\_ Youth Member\* \_\_\_\_ Member  
(Check one only)

\*Youth Members are qualified to receive a scholarship award only one time. To qualify to receive future scholarship awards, applicants must become a member of SFCC. Contact the church office to learn about the New Members Orientation class or the SFCC Youth Pastor, Matthew Tejuco, MTejuco@gmail.com for dates and times of a modified New Members Orientation class for Youth Members that have attended SFCC for long-terms.

Date you became a Member? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month & Year) (DOB entries are not acceptable)

If you're not a Member – Date you plan to complete orientation class? \_\_\_\_\_  
(1-yr SFCC membership required)

List SFCC activities or auxiliaries you participated in over the last two years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Activity/Auxiliary</u>	<u>Office Held?</u>

List any honors, awards, prizes, etc., which you have received last year (in school, church, employment, volunteer, etc.):

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How would receiving an SFCC Scholarship be a benefit? (50 words or less): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Essay Topic(s):**

**Margaret Berry Award for Continuing Education**

- Who has significantly influenced you and how have you used that influence to improve your interpersonal strengths?
- Answer the following: “Faith means.....”
- Identify two (2) personal goals and explain how a college degree will help you reach these goals to advance the Kingdom of God.
- What has volunteering in the church or local community taught you about the value and importance of demonstrating faith through action? Consider James 2: 26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

**Dessie Webster Applicants Only Essay Topics**

- Describe how your efforts this past year demonstrated your dedication to biblical leadership, service to community, and academic excellence?

\*\*Essays should be typed. Use the page provided or include a copy on a separate page.

**ALL Scholarship Applicants Checklist:**

- Read the Scholarship Information page before completing the SFCC Scholarship Application.
- Submit copy of acceptance letter(s) from College or Vocational School (High school applicants and transfer students only)
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation: (1) from High school/community leader/supervisor, counselor or someone who has worked with you and who has intimate knowledge of you and your potential.
- Submit Academic Transcripts (**unofficial transcripts are acceptable for the application**)
- Submit 500-word essay. Attach a separate typed copy
- Provide proof of volunteer/participation in service in community, school setting, church or other comparable roles.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Guardian (if under 18)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**SFCC Essay page:**

**Applicant name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award for which you are applying:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Include your essay topic and the complete essay below in the space provide below or attach a separate copy.*