



# Scholarships For Activities

Policy and Procedures/Guidelines

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**Purpose:** to provide financial assistance for participating in student ministry activities.

## What is a Credit:

Credits are earned by students to help provide financial assistance for the cost of student ministry trips, events, etc.... The funding for these credits is provided by the tithes and offerings of our church family. The budget allocation for credits (scholarships) will be set in July of each year. Once the budgeted allocation has been spent the Youth Minister or Administrative and Family Pastor will need to complete a budget exception sheet to present to the board of directors.

Credits cannot be exchanged for cash and cannot be used as cash.

Credits reset annually on August 1 of each year or designated by Youth Minister/Administrative and Family Pastor.

## Eligibility:

Students are eligible to begin earning credits the first meeting.

## Credits Can Be Earned By:

- (CHRIST) Spiritual Growth and Maturity (1 credit)
  - Memorization of scripture verses
    - Sunday Morning (Trek)
    - additional scripture
    - Scripture may only be used one time during the seven (7) year span
  - Completion of sermon notes with additional notes from the sermon (1 credit)
    - Must be turned in Sunday Night at The Ridge Worship or after worship in student ministry drop box.
    - Student's name must be on notes. Notes with no names will not be included.
- (COMMUNITY) Attendance of Weekly Student Ministry Meetings (1 credit)
  - Sunday Morning Journey and Trek Attendance (1 credit)
  - Sunday Night Worship Attendance (1 credit)
  - Wednesday Night Participation (1 credit)
- (COMPASSION) Serving others (1 credit)
  - Participating in additional Missions opportunities (Joni and Friends, etc...)
  - Volunteering for Sunday Night Teams (Worship Team, Welcome, Fun, Sermon, etc..)
  - Volunteering for Sunday Morning Teams (Welcoming, children, parking, etc..)
  - Volunteering for assigned projects (Credit value is based upon work and finished product)
    - See Administrative and Family Pastor
      - Parent involvement may be required for some volunteer projects.

One credit is valued at 1.00. A maximum of six (6) credits can be earned each week. Total credits earned per year may not exceed 275.

**Tracking of Credits:**

Students are responsible for submitting their credits to the Student Administrative Team in a timely manner. Credits not submitted within three (3) weeks will be voided. Students are encouraged to submit credits weekly for accuracy. Credits will be tracked on a weekly basis by the Student Administrative Team, beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. Do not submit credits to anyone else but the Administrative Team. Doing so will cause confusion and void the credits.

**How to Use Credits:**

Credits maybe used for student ministry events. Most events will allow students to use up to ½ of the cost of the trip. Credits maybe used for full purchase of books and materials.

Example: a trip costs \$100. A student would need to earn (50) credits for ½ of the cost of the trip.

Example: a trip costs \$20. A student would need to earn (10) credits for ½ of the cost of the trip.

Example: a book costs \$10. A student would need to earn (10) credits for the cost of the book.

Worship Conferences, Mission Trips or Overseas Trips are not covered under the credit system due to cost factors. As soon as Mission Trips or Overseas Trips are announced families should make a commitment to saving.

**Transferring of Credits**

Students may transfer credits.

**Borrowing of Credits:**

Credits may not be borrowed.

**Using Credits Prior to Earning:**

Credits must be earned prior to their use. Exceptions to this can be made by the Youth Minister or Administrative and Family Pastor.

**Disagreements:**

The credit system is an honor based system to reward and assist our students. Tracking mistakes may occur. Disagreements will be handled on a case by case basis in a professional manner.

No students will be turned away from participating in an event if financial assistance is a burden upon the family. Parents and Guardians should meet with the Youth Minister or Administrative and Family Pastor for additional assistance if needed.