

# Smyrna Assembly College Scholarship Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Smyrna Assembly is interested in your college career and wants to help you further your educational goals as well as your spiritual growth. To begin the application process, please follow the steps outlined below.

1. Carefully read the attached "Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures" to understand the application and the interview procedure, eligibility requirements, and awards process.
2. Complete ALL parts of the application.
3. Prepare a word-processed biographical narrative. Please describe yourself and include your educational objectives, reasons you are applying for this award, financial need, and how you see God leading you in these areas. The narrative should be limited to two printed pages. Please include a recent photo of yourself.
4. Obtain an up-to-date, official copy of your high school transcripts and a copy of your most recent, or highest, college entrance exam scores. (SAT/ACT)
5. Obtain a letter of recommendation from someone in academics (teacher, principal, or counselor).
6. Have a Smyrna Assembly church leader (pastor, youth pastor, or elder) complete the attached evaluation form.
7. Have a parent or guardian complete the attached parental evaluation questions.
8. Submit the following **word-processed** items to the church secretary in a sealed envelope (use this as your checklist):
  1. Completed application with photo
  2. Completed verification of church membership
  3. Personal Narrative
  4. Official high school transcript
  5. Copy of college entrance exam scores
  6. Academic letter of recommendation
  7. Pastoral and parental evaluations

**All applications must be received no later than Sunday, January 10, 2010. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

We pray for your success in school and for the path that God has put before you.

Sincerely,

*Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Committee*

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."  
Proverbs 3:4-7**

**VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP  
AT SMYRNA ASSEMBLY**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of scholarship applicant

is an active member of the SAG Youth Group or that one or more parent(s) or guardians of this student is an active member of Smyrna Assembly of God.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

## Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Guidelines and Procedures

### Background & Objective

The Smyrna Assembly College Scholarship was created as a budget item under the line item of Benevolence. The Benevolence budget is maintained by the tithe from the church's yearly budget. During the creation of the 1998 budget a new line item, Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Fund, was placed within the Benevolence Fund. Each month a percentage of the church tithe is allocated to the scholarship fund until the amount designated by the Administrative Board is met for disbursement each July.

Scholarship awards are determined by the Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Committee. The committee has the discretion to fund one or more scholarships with the allocated money. The Elder Board has created this committee to review applications, conduct interviews, and award the scholarship(s). There will be a minimum of one Elder on the committee.

### Eligibility Requirements

The applicant **must** meet the following requirements:

\*\*Church membership at Smyrna Assembly as verified by SAG Youth Pastor or Church Secretary on the scholarship application form.

\*\*A graduating high school senior or are completing high school equivalency and will be enrolled in college as a **full-time, first year** student.

\*\*Plan to enroll **full-time** in an accredited institution of higher education.

\*\*Intend to pursue a degree (ex: A.A/ A.S. or B.A. /B.S.) in any field of study.

<p><b>The Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Committee evaluates any exceptions to these requirements on an individual basis.</b></p>
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### **Applicant Packet and Deadline Date**

To participate in the Smyrna Assembly Scholarship program, a student must submit an applicant packet to Smyrna Assembly. The packet contains:

- \*\* A recent photo of yourself.
- \*\* A completed **word-processed** application form. (No hand written submissions, please.)  
NOTE: To be able to key in the information on the downloaded application form you must first "Save As" the document to your computer hard drive, type in your responses, SAVE these changes, and then print out a hard copy.
- \*\* *Signed verification of church membership*
- \*\* Word-processed biographical narrative describing yourself. This should include your educational objectives, reasons for applying for this award, financial need and, how you see God leading you in these areas. Narrative limited to two, typed pages.

### **Applicant Packet and Deadline Date (continued)**

- \*\* An official copy of up-to-date high school transcripts and college entrance exam scores.
- \*\* An academic letter of recommendation, completed pastoral evaluation, and completed parental evaluation.

**All application materials should be placed in a sealed envelope and turned in to the church office no later than SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010.  
Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted**

### **Interview, Evaluation and Award Process**

Once the applications have been received, every applicant will have the opportunity to be interviewed and evaluated by the Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Committee. Each applicant will be notified of the date and time for his/her interview

Prior to the interview, the members of the Scholarship Committee will be given a copy of each student's application for review and pre-evaluation. Following the interview, candidates will be evaluated as individuals by the committee on the basis of equally weighted criteria and then ranked among their peers. The criterion includes: academic achievement, extracurricular activities (sports, school clubs, work experience), church involvement (youth group, mission trips, Christian involvement at school), the student's narrative, and the ability to convey thoughts and ideas. All applicants will be notified regarding the committee's decision.

### **Award Disbursement**

When an applicant is notified that s/he is an award recipient, the student will be provided a check in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to the student no later than two weeks prior to class registration.

## Parental Evaluation Questions

Please choose **two** of the following questions and word-process your responses below or on a separate attached sheet.

**Limit each response to 300 words.**

1. How does your child's faith find expression in his/her life?
  2. Describe a situation in which your child took on a significant responsibility. In what ways did this affect him/her?
  3. What areas of maturity have you observed in your child that indicates an ability to handle independent living?
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**\*\*It is the Student's responsibility to see that the completed application and all supporting documents are in the Smyrna Assembly office no later than Sunday, January 10, 2010.**

### Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Application

Read the attached Guidelines and Procedures before completing the application.  
Only completed applications will be considered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Email address

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Cell Phone

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

School Principal: Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

Cumulative H.S. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_  
College Entrance Exam Score: \_\_\_ACT\_\_\_SAT \_\_\_\_\_  
Verbal Math

**If necessary, use a separate sheet for each question and title each sheet with the question you are answering**

Extracurricular/school-sponsored activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Jobs held during last three years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Outside interests and/or hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School recognition/awards received: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your relationship with Jesus Christ: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your church involvement within the last three years: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**(You may attach additional typed sheets, when needed, for each question.)**

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College/School you plan to attend:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Status: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Status: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Status: \_\_\_\_\_

4th choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships/awards/already received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships/awards applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian:

Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Occupation/Employer

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Occupation/Employer

Number and ages of brothers/sisters under 18-years-old, living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers/sisters presently attending college: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of colleges they attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the applicant is my biological, adopted, stepchild, or legal dependent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone number

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Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTORAL EVALUATION**

**To be completed by PASTOR: \* If you are a relative of the applicant, please have another pastoral staff person or a member of the church board complete this form.**

Dear Pastor:

We believe that you are interested in the future of the young person from Smyrna Assembly named above. S/he is applying for one of the Smyrna Assembly scholarships. Your cooperation in answering a few questions will be of great value in helping us to evaluate this applicant. A prompt reply will be deeply appreciated and held in confidence. Please note it is due by **Sunday, January 10, 2010.**

1. How long have you been acquainted with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Briefly describe why you believe the applicant is an outstanding member of the church/youth group and qualified for this scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe ways this person exhibits a consistent Christian witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please make additional helpful comments on the reverse side of this form that will assist the committee in considering this applicant for a scholarship.

<u>(Please Check)</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Not Known</u>
Emotional stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Moral character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect for authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Church involvement	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spiritual life	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the applicant in a sealed envelope, addressed to, "Smyrna Assembly Scholarship Committee," with the applicant's name on the envelope.**