

Southwestern Diocese District Sunday School & HYM Congress

Scholarship/Educational Assistance Award Guidelines & Application

The Southwestern Diocese Congress provides one scholarship annually to deserving graduating high school students. The funds for these scholarships are determined by the amount of representation sent to the Diocese Congress.

All proceeds from this fund will be divided 60% for the scholarship award winner and 40% for the assistance award winner. The recipients will be chosen on the basis of qualifications set up by the Diocese Scholarship Committee. All applications must be received by the District SS and HYM Department during the District Convention of the year in which the youth is applying. All applications will be screened at the District level, and only one scholarship and one educational assistance award application will be sent on to the Diocese. Scholarships will be awarded upon certification of enrollment in College, University, or Trade School.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be a member of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA
2. Candidates applying for the **Scholarship** must have attained a cumulative grade point average 3.2.
3. Candidates applying for the **Educational Assistance** must have a cumulative grade point average 2.0.
4. All application materials must be typed.
5. Applicants must have documentation of their grade point average.

Judging Criteria

The applications will be judged based on the following area:

Church (50%), School/Community (25%), Essay (20%), & submission of required documentation (5%)

1. CHURCH (50%)

- a. Is the applicant an active member of the Sunday School and HYM
- b. Does the applicant participate in other church programs?
- c. Is the applicant a member of the youth programs at the local church?
 - i. (e.g. youth choir, junior deacon board, usher board prayer band)
- d. Does the applicant participate in activities on the District and Diocese levels?

- i. (e.g. choirs, committees, competitions, Sunday School, drill team, workshops, etc.)
- e. Does the applicant hold any offices on the Local, District, or Diocese levels?
- f. Has the applicant initiated any new programs or ministries at the local or district levels?

2. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY (25%)

- a. Is the applicant a high school graduate?
- b. Was the applicant a member of any activities or organizations during high school?
- c. What types of awards or honors did the applicant receive (high school years only).
- d. Which types of activities does the applicant participate in the community?

3. ESSAY (20%)

Applicants should write an essay, consisting of 300 words or more, explaining why they want to further their education. All essays are to be typed and doubled spaced.

4. DOCUMENTATION (5%)

- a. Each applicant must have proof of their grade point average (final report card or transcript).
- b. Each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the local SS Supt., Pastor or High School official (teacher, counselor, or principal).

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Name

First	Middle	Last
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Address

House Number	Street	City	State	Zip
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Date of Birth: _____

Please indicate which award you are applying for:

(Scholarship or Educational Assistance Award)

Name of High School _____

Address _____

Street	City	State	Zip
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How many years did you attend the above named high school: _____

Local Church _____

Address _____

Pastor's Signature _____

I. Church Involvement

a. List the activities which you are enrolled in at your local church.

b. List the activities which you participate in on the District and Diocese levels.

c. List any offices which you hold on the Local, District, and/or District levels.

- d. Indicate any new programs or ministries which you have implemented at your local church or District levels.

II. School & Community Involvement

- a. List the school activities and organizations which the applicant was involved (*social, musical, athletics, etc.*)
- b. List any awards or recognitions which the applicants received while in high school.
- c. List any leadership positions that the applicant has held in the school or community.
- d. List the activities which the applicant is involved with in the local community.

III. Essay

The applicant should compose an essay of 300 words or more explaining why he/she wants to further his or her education. All essays are to be typed and double spaced.

IV. Documentation

Attach official copies of your grade point average (i.e. final report cards or transcripts) and a letter of recommendation from your Pastor, superintendent, or school official (i.e. principal, counselor, or teacher). Also, please ensure that your pastor signs this application in the space indicated on page one of the application.