

InFaith Community Foundation

INFAITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship was established to benefit students who are members of congregations that hold active organizational endowment funds at InFaith Community Foundation. Applicants must be high school graduating seniors seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. This scholarship program is made possible through the InFaith Field of Interest Fund for Education, a collaborative fund made possible by InFaith donors to serve our shared community. Through these scholarship awards, InFaith hopes to provide educational opportunities to individuals who demonstrate financial need, high academic achievement, a commitment to sharing their blessings with the world and planning full-time study at an accredited college or university.

About InFaith Community Foundation

The scholarship program is administered by InFaith Community Foundation, a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives. Through InFaith, giving is customized to each donor's charitable interests and financial circumstances. InFaith is a proven steward of these gifts, earning consistently high ratings from Charity Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, InFaith now grants millions of dollars annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, please visit InFaithFound.org.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- Be a high school graduating senior and a member of a congregation that holds an active InFaith organizational fund;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university and seeking a four-year degree;
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship Award

Two \$5,000 awards will be given for the 2020-2021 school year. Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Scholarship Committee of InFaith staff. Applicants of the scholarship award will be notified by InFaith by July 2020. Scholarship awards are sent directly by InFaith to the educational institution where the recipient will attend.

This scholarship award is intended to provide financial assistance that is not otherwise covered by available resources or other financial aid to the applicant. Funds may be used to defray expenses for tuition, room and board, books, laboratory expenses and/or other related educational expenditures.

Application Overview and Deadline

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an online application available at inFaithFound.org/scholarships. Application and required attachments are due **April 30, 2020**.

Questions? Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, at scholarships@inFaithfound.org or by calling (800) 365-4172.

Application Instructions & Questions

Please read the instructions carefully and ensure that all of the required information is received by the deadline. Applicants should complete an online application, providing answers to the questions below. Applicants will also need to submit additional materials to InFaith outlined in the section below.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicant Information

- Contact information: Name, address, date of birth, phone, email;
- Demographic information: gender, ethnicity;
- School/degree information: school name, GPA, major, graduation date; and,
- Financial aid information.

Short Answer & Text Questions

- How did you hear about the scholarship?
- Have you received a scholarship from InFaith? When? Name of scholarship?
- Tell us about why you are uniquely qualified for this award. (300 words)
- What are your educational goals? What type of program/studies do you intend to pursue or are pursuing? What do you hope to do upon completion of your studies? What are your career objectives? (300 words)

Essay

At InFaith, our mission is to serve donors and their giving goals – goals that reflect their life experiences, values and passions. We encourage donors to create charitable funds that will be a stable and growing source of support for causes that are important to them. In thinking about your life experience, values and passions, select a charity that you admire and in an **essay of approximately 500 words**, reflect on these questions:

- What inspires you about this charity?
- What do you like about its mission, vision and/or the service it provides?
- Whose lives are being changed?
- In your lifetime, whose lives do you want to change?

Submitted essays will be judged on spirit, clarity of thought, grammar and spelling, and will be the property of InFaith. InFaith may use submitted essays in InFaith communications to promote its missions and this scholarship in the future.

Additional Submitted Materials – to be received by the deadline of April 30, 2020.

- **Transcript** - Please ensure that InFaith receives a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable) showing a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- **Community Service Resume** - A resume including school, church related and community service, honors, awards, leadership and work history in which you have engaged during your high school years. Include number of hours, years and level of leadership and awards for each activity.
- **Online Recommendation Form** – Please forward the online recommendation form to two individuals, including one from your pastor and one from a high school teacher, for their online completion. Link to online recommendation form: <http://www.inFaithfound.org/recommendation>.