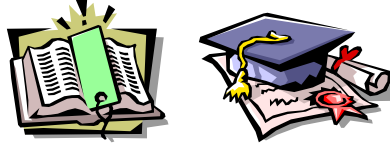


The Reverend Gary & Janie Nelsen Higher Education Scholarship



Vision:

Cherry Hills Baptist Church annually awards scholarship grants in honor of Pastor Gary & Janie Nelsen to Christian students attending full-time at an institution of higher education. The Nelsens and our congregation believe that Christ's church should support, encourage, and pray for our students in their quest for higher education and in their striving to live up to the Reach, Build, Send mission of Cherry Hills. Our utmost prayer is that all of our students' walks with the Lord will grow stronger as their education progresses.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must:

- ✓ be entering their junior or senior year at an institution of higher education in the Fall 2012 semester;
- ✓ be a full-time student;
- ✓ be members of Cherry Hills;
- ✓ be actively involved in a Christian fellowship, organization, or church and show commitment to these groups through participation over the last two years at their respective schools; and
- ✓ attend worship services regularly while at school.

An individual may only be awarded a **total of TWO Nelsen scholarships.

The *complete*** application—including references—must be received by the scholarship committee NO LATER THAN **March 30, 2012**. **No applications will be accepted after this due date.**

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Application Form

Name: _____

School Name & Address: _____

Year in School (Fall 2012): _____ Cum. GPA: _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

I. Please respond to the following questions (typed and double-spaced preferred):

- A. Describe your decision to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- B. In what ways are you living out the Reach, Build, Send mission of Cherry Hills? Consider not only classroom and lifestyle issues, but also involvement in college fellowship groups, the local church, and ministry opportunities.
- C. What Christian organizations, fellowships, or churches have you been involved with for the last 2 years at your school? Evaluate yourself in terms of consistency in attendance, and describe how these experiences have affected you.
- D. Explain how you are currently pursuing God on a daily basis.
- E. Describe how you see yourself serving the Lord through your chosen profession.

II. Include at least one reference from an adult member of Cherry Hills (not related to you and not on pastoral staff or scholarship committee)

III. Include at least one reference from an adult who is from a Christian organization or church (other than Cherry Hills) in which you are involved. This person must be able to discuss your involvement, leadership, and/or service activities in that group.

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Student Reference Form—Cherry Hills Member

An adult within the congregation who is not related to the applicant and who is not pastoral staff or a scholarship committee member must fill out this student reference form. The referring adult must return the form to the church office by **March 30, 2012**. This form will not be given back to the applicant once it has been submitted and it is completely confidential.

Name of Student _____

(Please print)

Name of Referring Adult _____

(Please print)

1. In what contexts have you observed the applicant?

2. What are two qualities that best describe this student and why?

3. Rate the student as High, Average, or Low in the following areas. Mark N/A if area has not been observed.

Academic Competency _____ Christian Commitment _____

Reliability/Dependability _____ Moral Standards _____

Motivation _____ Relationships with others _____

If you have marked low on any of the above questions, please explain. Feel free to comment on areas that are exceptionally high as well.

Signature of referring adult: _____

Phone number: _____ **Date:** _____

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Student Reference Form—College Organization/Group Representative

An adult in the college community who has observed the student's involvement in a local church (excluding Cherry Hills) or a Christian organization must fill out this student reference form. The referring adult must return the form to the church office by **March 30, 2012**. This form will not be given back to the applicant once it has been submitted and it is completely confidential.

Name of Student _____

(Please print)

Name of Referring Adult _____

(Please print)

Organization/Role _____

1. In what contexts have you observed the applicant?

2. What are two qualities that best describe this student and why?

3. Rate the student as High, Average, or Low in the following areas. Mark N/A if area has not been observed.

Academic Competency _____ Christian Commitment _____

Reliability/Dependability _____ Moral Standards _____

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