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UPCI YOUTH MINISTRIES

Dear Applicant:

Greetings from the UPCI Youth Ministries!

We appreciate the interest you have shown in the *Move the Mission Scholarship Program*.

The UPCI Youth Ministries offers scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,500 each. Students desiring to attend a UPCI-endorsed Bible/Christian College or Graduate School may apply for a *Move the Mission* scholarship if they are under twenty-five years of age on the application deadline of February 1st.

Detailed information is given in the accompanying guidelines regarding all of the required forms. **It is your responsibility** to see that your complete application, the respective references from your pastor, school (including transcripts), and/or employer, and a copy of your Student Aid Report or CanLearn Potential Assistance Calculation are on file in our office **no later than February 1st**. Once your application has been submitted you will receive an email with links to the reference forms. Reference forms **must** be submitted by your pastor, school representative, and/or employer. Also, be sure to remind your school/college/university that a transcript of your most recent grades **must** be submitted with the scholastic reference. Please remember that freshman applicants **must** submit a copy of your ACT or SAT results with your completed application. Canadian freshman applicants **must** submit a copy of the results of your most recently completed Provincial Exams.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or [email](mailto:upci@upci.org) us at the UPCI Youth Ministries.

Sincerely,

UPCI Youth Ministries

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Move the Mission Scholarship Policy Guidelines:

I. Eligibility:

Students desiring to attend a UPCI-endorsed Bible/Christian College or Graduate School may apply for a *Move the Mission* scholarship if they are under twenty-five years of age on the application deadline of February 1st.

Since the scholarship is funded by *Move the Mission* offerings derived from United Pentecostal Churches of the United States and Canada, applicants must also be citizens of these countries and active members of United Pentecostal Churches. Applicants for upperclassmen or graduate scholarships must have been members of a United Pentecostal Church prior to their time as students.

II. Award Categories:

Scholarships are awarded to students in three different levels.

Level 1: Scholarships awarded to Bible/Christian College freshmen.

Level 2: Scholarships awarded to Bible/Christian College upperclassmen.

Level 3: This category consists of \$1,000 scholarships awarded for a first year, full-time graduate student at UGST. (Applications processed through UGST)

III. Application Process:

A. The online application deadline for all scholarships is February 1st. All application materials must be **submitted** to the UPCI Youth Ministries by **5 PM on February 1st**.

Applications submitted at this time are designated for the academic year beginning the fall of that year.

Urshan Graduate School of Theology students must apply for a scholarship through UGST. Visit the [UGST website](#) for details and application.

B. Online reference forms are sent to all applicable persons by the applicant. Applicant should make clear to the individual the importance of the February 1st deadline. For an application to be considered, at least two of the three references must be submitted: a pastoral reference and either a scholastic or employer reference.

C. College Entrance Exams: Freshman applicants are encouraged to complete the ACT or SAT no later than the summer following their junior year of high school/secondary school. This will allow sufficient time to provide the results of the test. Canadian applicants must submit the results of their most recently completed provincial exams, or the results of the GMAT.

D. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): *United States applicants* are required to complete the FAFSA. Further information and application submission can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Completion of the application generates a **Student Aid Report**

(SAR). Included in the SAR is an **Expected Family Contribution Number (EFC)**, which the award committee will use in considering your application for the scholarship.

When completing the *FAFSA* form, if you have not received your current tax information, the previous year's tax information can be used. Follow the steps listed on the FAFSA homepage: "1. Before Beginning a *FAFSA*, 2. Filling Out a *FAFSA*, and 3. *FAFSA* Follow-Up." You will be asked to select the schools that you wish to receive the SAR. Since UPCI-endorsed institutions are not currently listed among the available choices, you will need to select an alternate secular university in order to process the form. However, you can request that a copy of the SAR be sent directly to you. Include the copy sent to you with your scholarship application materials sent to the UPCI Youth Ministries. *Please note that receipt of the SAR may take as many as four weeks following submission of the FAFSA.*

Online *FAFSA* submission: It is recommended that you submit the *FAFSA* application online rather than complete the paper form. Processing of the application is much faster and you are automatically emailed a copy of the SAR.

If you do not have your FAFSA (SAR) report at the time you apply online for the scholarship please email a copy of your FAFSA report to youth@upci.org.

E. CanLearn Student Loan Estimator. Canadian applicants are required to complete the *Student Loan Estimator* provided by *CanLearn*. This estimator is available online through www.canlearn.ca. Once on this page, select *English to enter the site*. Select the *Student Loans, Grants and Scholarships* portion at the top of the left-hand column. On this page, under *Useful Links* in the center section, select "*Student Financial Assistance Estimator (SFAE)*." Follow the instructions carefully and enter all of the requested information correctly and honestly. When asked for the Province of Study, select your province of residence unless you intend to attend Northeast Christian College in New Brunswick.

Once you have entered all of the information, the program will process your information and provide you a page titled "Potential Assistance". This amount is the estimate that you might receive from all Canadian loan opportunities. Print this page and include it with your application materials.

If you do not have your CanLearn report at the time you apply online for the scholarship please email a copy of your CanLearn report to youth@upci.org.

IV. Grading Process:

All applications are evaluated against other applications submitted in the same category. Applicants are required to designate and qualify for the Category for which they are applying. Winners may apply their award to any *UPCI-endorsed college* that they choose to attend within the level of their award. The level of the award given (\$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,500) will be determined by the award committee.

Applications will be graded by the Move the Mission Scholarship committee. This committee consists of five to seven members of the General Youth Committee. Each year their selections will be presented for final approval by the Executive and/or General Board of the UPCI. Upon that final approval, the applicants will be notified by mail of their status by May 1. The UPCI Youth Ministries will also notify the college that each winner intends to attend.

Since the scholarship is awarded to the individual student, that student may elect to change his intended school prior to entering the college. However, once a student has begun classes at a

particular college, he may not transfer to another college during the academic year and still maintain his scholarship for that year.

In the event that no applicant is deemed worthy of the scholarship in any particular level, the scholarship committee reserves the right to withhold awarding a scholarship in that level for that year.

V. Distribution Process:

Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the selected school at the beginning of each semester. **Monies will be released upon notification by the college that the student is registered on campus as a full-time student, as defined by that institution.** *Additionally, second semester payments will be released if the recipient has maintained a 3.00 GPA (4.00 scale) for the first semester.* Should the recipient's GPA fall below 3.00, funds will be withheld until the student presents written explanation to the Executive Youth Committee. Upon review of the student's explanation, the Executive Youth Committee will determine whether or not to release second semester funds.

Since these scholarships are awarded to a particular student, any unused awards will not be reassigned to alternate students. Also, awards not used during the designated academic year (the fall following the February application deadline) will be forfeited.

Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis. To apply for a renewal of support, the entire application process must be repeated for each year in which the student hopes to benefit from a scholarship.