**Fresh Start Community Church**

**Scholarship Application**

**Scholarship Opportunities**

Fresh Start Community Church has been generously endowed by church members who have, through tithe, gifts, and memorials, established a scholarship fund that provides financial resources to be awarded to full-time or part-time undergraduate students each year. Undergraduate students who are eligible to apply are any student who is attending a trade school, 2- or 4-year institution. The value of each scholarship will range from $250-$800 per semester.

**Qualifications:**

1. Students must attend or have attended Fresh Start for a minimum period of six (6) months recently to be eligible for the scholarship.
2. Students are not guaranteed the scholarship.  The scholarships are available while the funds are available.
3. This application is for one academic school semester, however a student may reapply the following semesters if qualifications are met. Students may only receive a total of eight (8) semester scholarships.
4. A student is considered “full-time” when enrolled in twelve (12) credit hours per semester.
5. Students who are listed on academic probation are still eligible to apply, but a letter from the department chair, explaining why the student has been placed on probation, and what academic progress the student is making/made in the past to get themselves off probation, will be required
	1. Students have one semester to bring up their GPA. If they apply again and have not made an improvement their scholarship may be denied for the upcoming semester.
6. Students on academic suspension are not eligible to apply.

**Application Procedure**:

Applications become available at the beginning of each semester during the year of application. Applications may be picked up at the church office or may be acquired from the church website at [www.freshstartok.com](http://www.freshstartok.com).

* Scholarship applications for the spring semester are due no later than January 31st
* Scholarship applications for the fall semester are due no later than July 31st

The Scholarship Committee prefers that any correspondence is typed and all documents emailed together to the following email address: freshstartok@gmail.com.

Decisions from the Scholarship Committee will be communicated to the office administrator, and lead pastor no later than the 15th of the month following the application deadline. If there is any delay in a decision that will be communicated as soon as possible.

* Any questions should be directed to the scholarship committee. Please contact the church office and they will direct the questions to the appropriate individuals.

**New Applicants**

First time applicant must submit the following items:

* Completed application
* Writing prompt answers (see application for questions)
* Current school transcript(s)
	+ High School transcripts
	+ College transcripts showing currently enrolled classes
* Two (2) letters of recommendation
* Photo of yourself - so we know with 100% certainty who you are

**Returning Applicants**

Students who reapply must submit the following:

* + Completed application
	+ Current unofficial transcript showing CGPA (Cumulative GPA)
		- Must include all completed classes and classes for the current semester in which student is applying for

**APPLICATION**

Term: Year:

**Personal/Contact Information:**

Name:

Home Address:

Educational Institution:

Cell Phone:

Email:

List and explain in detail any group or individual school activities in which you have been or are an active member. Identify any leadership role or responsibilities you may have or have held in the past.

**Church Involvement:**

**Academic Involvement:**

Please check:

* Full time student
* Part-time student

**Transcripts:**

**High School Graduates:** Please include your complete High School transcript with graduation date

**College Students (>24 hr completed):** Please submit your HS transcript (if not submitted previously), along with your complete unofficial college transcript to include all completed classes and the classes in which you are registered for the upcoming semester.

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* By this application, I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify my G.P.A., credits, and class load.  INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_
* *Failure to submit transcripts will result in automatic denial of scholarship for the semester. \*Students will be contacted once and given a chance to submit transcripts* INITIAL

**New Applicants:**

**Writing Prompt:** Please respond thoughtfully and specifically to each prompt or question, developing and expressing your ideas completely on another sheet of paper.

1. Please outline your personal as well as your educational goals.
2. How has Fresh Start influenced your life journey of faith?
3. Explain why this scholarship is important to you.

**References/Letter of Recommendation Guidelines:**

* New applicants must include two (2) character references who can attest to your character, personal and educational goals.
* One reference should be an active member of Fresh Start Community Church
* The other person may be a community or personal reference, such as a former teacher, coach, mentor, etc.

* Letters of recommendation can be submitted directly to the church via email, with your name & recommendation letter in the subject i.e. Brian Marlett’s recommendation letter or they can mail it directly to the church at Fresh Start Community Church 309 N. Eastern Avenue, Moore, OK 73160.
	+ Letters MUST be received by the application deadline.

Are you receiving any additional scholarships (circle one): Yes No

Please list any other scholarships received from religious institutions:

By submitting this application you are declaring the need for financial assistance. Please sign and date below and submit with the additional requirements listed above.

Printed Name Signature Date