

## THE BARBARA W. SMITH FAITH IN ACTION SCHOLARSHIP

### Undergraduate Scholarship Application

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants must have been a member of Covenant United UCC for at least one year
- Applicants must attend Sunday School at CUCC
- Applicants must provide evidence of excellence in a subject area, talent, or skill
- Applicants must be a senior in high school entering a post-secondary or vocational program
- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or be in the top one-third of their class
- Applicants must have applied and gained acceptance into a full-time post-secondary or certificate program
- Applicants must submit 3 letters of recommendation from a current/previous employer, teachers, and/or others in a supervisory position or those who know them well

#### **Application Requirements**

*Note: The submission of any materials with an application other than those requested will be discarded. Please only include what has been requested and do NOT put materials into binders, slipcovers or report covers. A staple, paper clip, or binder clip will suffice.*

- TYPED application (a word-processed document may be used in place of the application, only if presented exactly in the order of the application). Answer every space. Mark "N/A" if it does not apply to you. A blank space will automatically be considered an incomplete application.
- Transcript from each high school attended (unofficial transcripts will be accepted; report cards will not)
- Proof of community service or relevant work experience stipulating number of hours worked
- Proof of attendance in Sunday School, signature required
- Letter of acceptance into an accredited college, university, or vocational program
- 3 letters of recommendation on letterhead from a current or previous employer, teacher, etc.

### **The Faith in Action Scholarship Committee Will Score the Following:**

- Presentation of application (neatness, spelling, punctuation, etc.)
- GPA
- Related community, performance, or work experience
- Strength of letters of recommendation
- Essays
- Interview

### **Deadlines:**

<b>Sunday, June 2nd, 2019</b>	<u>All</u> application materials must be postmarked
<b>Sunday, June 2019 TBD</b>	Interviews held for finalists
<b>Sunday, June 16th, 2019</b>	Award recipients announced (11:00 service)

**Please send the following materials postmarked no later than Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to The Barbara W. Smith Faith in Action Scholarship Review Committee, c/o Covenant United Church of Christ, 1130 E. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, South Holland, IL 60473, Attention: Rev. Ethel Southern or you may place in the large pink box labeled, Barbara W. Smith, Faith in Action Scholarship. This will be in the hall near the main office and across from the Associate Pastor office.**

#### **Completed Application**

- Application Form
- Transcript(s)
- Essays
- Documentation of Excellence
- Letters of recommendation on letterhead

**Note:** Any applications which do not meet the following criteria or are illegible will be automatically disqualified.



## Section 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

*All scholarship correspondence will be mailed. To ensure that you receive information promptly, please provide the address and phone number where you can be reached.*

Social Security Number (must include) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Permanent Address

City

Crete

State

Zip

Phone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

Date of Birth

Age

Sex

Female

Male

US Citizen

Yes

No

If not, permanent resident?

Yes,

No

You may supply the following information voluntarily. The Faith in Action Review Committee administers an equal opportunity scholarship program.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ White/Caucasian
- ☐ Asian American or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## Section 2 SCHOOL INFORMATION

*Eligible candidates must have a minimum, cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or rank within the top one-third of their class.*

### A. Current Information

High School Name

Address

City

State IL

Zip

Expected Date of H.S. Graduation (month/year)/May June/2019

I have applied and gained acceptance to a: 2-yr College 4-yr College Technical/Other Program

### B. Future Information

College/University Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Anticipated Major

Expected Date of College Graduation (month/year) \_\_\_\_

I plan to pursue/receive a (n):

Associate Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Other



### Section 3 EXPERIENCE or EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*Eligible candidates must demonstrate excellence in one or more areas of activity or experience, listing the most recent experience first.*

Institution Name, City, State	Type of Business and Position	Dates Employed	Avg. Hours Spent/Worked Per Month	Total Months Worked



### Section 4 ESSAY QUESTIONS

*Please type essays (word count: 500 – 750), double-spaced, and include with application. Faith in Action Scholarship Review Committee Members will score your response based on your ability to write a focused, developed, and organized essay. Responses may include a discussion of career goals or personal life experiences.*

**Prompt 1:** Mrs. Barbara W. Smith, the late wife of our Pastor Rev. Ozzie Smith, left a legacy of faith to the children and members of Covenant United Church of Christ. In your own words, describe what her legacy of faith means to you. (you may ask members of her family and or members of the congregation for additional information about Mrs. Smith faith legacy)

**Prompt 2:** Discuss a leadership experience you have had in any area of your life; school, work, athletics, family, church, community, etc. How and why did you become a leader in this area? How did this experience influence your goals?

**Prompt 3: Briefly describe a situation in which you felt that you or others were treated unfairly or were not given an opportunity you felt you deserved. Why do you think this happened? How did you respond? Did the situation improve because of your response?**



## **Section 5 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Number of people in household attending college; include yourself, parent(s),  
Dependent:

Expenses for One School Year

Tuition (for two terms)

School:                      Private                      In-state                      Out-of-State

Fees, books, supplies, uniforms

Rent and utilities off-campus

Room and board on-campus

Other

Total Expenses \_\_\_\_\_

Number of terms you are planning to be enrolled before obtaining certificate or degree \_\_\_\_\_



## **Section 6 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Applicants must enclose 3 letters of recommendation on company or school letterhead.

### **Recommender #1:**

Last Name	First Name	Relationship
E-mail Address	Telephone #	# of years' known

### **Recommender #2:**

Last Name	First Name	Relationship
E-mail Address	Telephone #	# of years' known

**Recommender #3:**

Last Name

First Name

Relationship

E-mail Address

Telephone #

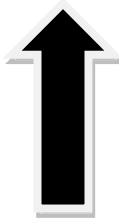
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**Section 7 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

*A copy of the acceptance letter from your intended post-secondary institution or Certificate program is required. Please remember to enclose this letter with the application.*



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**Section 8 REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

Please read carefully.

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided the Barbara W. Smith Faith in Action Scholarship Review Committee accurate information concerning all questions on this application. I agree to report to the Committee any changes which could affect consideration of my application. I understand that failure to provide valid and complete information could result in the withdrawal of all financial assistance and recall of all awards previously made by the Committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date