

WCOD Berkho Scholarship Application

Westminster Church of Detroit (WCOD) is pleased to offer, with generous funding from the Berkho family, at least four (4) scholarships each in the amount of \$2,500 to support expenses related to the attainment of postsecondary education. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually and is based on the availability of funding.

- Criteria:
- Applicant must be a member or attender of WCOD OR living within the WCOD neighborhood community. (2 awardees may be selected from members/attenders and 2 awardees may be selected from the WCOD neighborhood community.)
 - Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or must have received a high school diploma/equivalent within the last five (5) years. An official school transcript must be submitted with this application.
 - Applicant must pursue a post secondary education at an accredited institution. A copy or scanned college acceptance letter must be submitted with this application.
 - Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter must be written by a school representative (i.e. school counselor, etc.). The second letter can be provided by any of the following:
 - Teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator
 - Clergy or church member
 - Employer, mentor, or coach
- Letters written by relatives/family members are not acceptable.

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	_____	Phone:	_____
Address:	_____	Mobile:	_____
	_____	Email:	_____
City:	_____	Zip:	_____
High School:	_____	H.S. Graduation Date:	_____
Are you a member/attender of WCOD?	Yes	No	# of Years: _____
Are you affiliated with a member of WCOD?	Yes	No	Who? _____
Name of College/University/Postsecondary School:	_____		
Location:	_____		
Anticipated Field of Study:	_____		

PART II - ESSAY

Please respond to the following two (2) questions. Your response should not be more than one (1) page for each question. Essays should be completed using 12 point font, single spacing, and 8 1/2" x 11" page size.

Essay #1. Describe the character-building activities in which you have been engaged. (Example: volunteering, sports, employment, etc.)

Essay #2. Respond to only one (1) of the following topics:

- Describe what led you to your field of study and/or career pathway;
- Describe how you rely on your faith to accomplish your goals; or
- How have you contributed or plan to contribute to your community in a meaningful way?

PART III - APPLICATION SUBMISSION

This application must be submitted by April 30, 2025.

Please submit your completed application along with the requested documentation by email or U.S. Mail to:

Email: wcodscholarship@gmail.com

Address: Westminster Church of Detroit
c/o Berkho Scholarship Committee
17567 Hubbell Ave
Detroit, MI 48235

Applications that are emailed must be received by 11:59pm on April 30, 2025. Applications submitted via USPS must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2025. We strongly encourage electronic submission because of inconsistencies with USPS. If you submit via USPS and have not received a confirmation of receipt from the committee, please email wcodscholarship@gmail.com prior to the April 30th deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (313) 341-2697.

PART IV - CHECKLIST

- Applicant Information (Part I)
- Essay Question 1
- Essay Question 2 (renewal applicants do not submit)
- Official school transcript
- Copy or scanned acceptance letter to an accredited college or postsecondary training program (renewal applicants do not submit)
- Two letters of recommendation (one letter must be written by a school representative; letters from relatives/family members are not acceptable; renewal applicants do not submit)

PART V - AWARD INFORMATION

Number of Awards: WCOD will grant at least four (4) awards annually, each in the amount of \$2,500 to support expenses related to the attainment of postsecondary education. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined annually and is based on the availability of funding.

Previous Awardees: Previous awardees are eligible to apply again for a scholarship. Renewal criteria:

- Renewal applicants must have maintained a 2.00 GPA or greater during the previous year. Official transcripts must be submitted.
- Renewal applicants do not need to submit an acceptance letter.
- Renewal applicants must respond only to essay question #1 (they do not have to respond to essay question #2).
- Renewal applicants do not need to submit letters of recommendation.

Applicant Selection: A committee will review scholarship applications using a point system and will select the applicants who have scored the highest points. The point system is listed below.

Criteria	Points	
	Initial Applicant	Renewal
<i>Connectivity to Westminster</i>	10	20
<i>Academics</i>	25	35
<i>Essay #1 - Character-Building & Extra-Curricular Activities</i>	20	30
<i>Essay #2</i>	20	N/A
<i>Letters of Recommendation</i>	15	N/A
<i>Discretionary (i.e. innovation, creativity, exemplary accomplishments, etc.)</i>	10	15
Total	100	100

Award Notification: Scholarship award notification will be made on or before May 30, 2025. Presentations to awardees will occur on June 8, 2025 during 10:00 a.m. service at WCOD.