

Scholarship Application

Do you have questions?
Please email Kevin Spencer at kevin@centerpointar.tv

Application due date: Thursday, April 21st, 2016

“Big Press” Scholarship 2016

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **Thursday, April 21st, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. You will be notified at the Big Press the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Kevin Spencer, Director of Scholarship Relations at (501) 776-2570 or by email at kevin@centerpointar.tv.

PURPOSE This is the fourth year for the Big Press Scholarship. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolling in community colleges, colleges, trade schools and universities. The Big Press Scholarship principally targets two and four year academic programs; however, certificate/licensing programs including but not limited to fields such as paralegal training, IT, ultrasound techs, medical records personnel and nursing are also eligible.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, participation in The Big Press and community programs including but not limited to volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Big Press committee awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. The Big Press committee pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school. Scholarships are awarded at the Big Press event on **May 3rd, 2016**. The Big Press Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must have permanent residence status in Arkansas.
- Applicants must be completing high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester. If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Applicants must be a current competitors have competed in the Big Press.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by Thursday, **April 21st, 2016**.
- Scholarship recipients will receive their check for the next semester **only** after their grades from the previous semester have been received.

TIMELINE

- Applications are due Thursday, **April 21st, 2016.**
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship on Tuesday, **May 3rd, 2016.**

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- Two academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter completed reference from a pastor or other community leader.
- Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies.
- Demonstrated financial need.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Award notification will be given Tuesday, **May 3rd, 2016.**
- Applicant must provide their **student ID, the correct mailing address of their institution and the department where their scholarship check is to be received.**

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Deadline for the application is Thursday, **April 21st, 2016.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

**“Big Press”
Scholarship Program**

**Centerpoint Church
Att: Kevin Spencer
20383 I-30
Benton, AR 72015**

Application must be filled out by applicant.

Please **type on a separate sheet** or **print** your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
2	Mailing Address:: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email address: _____	
4	Current High School: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____
5	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2016</u> : _____ Address/ Phone _____	
6	What year will you enter school? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	
7	Will you be a full time student? _____	
8	Will you be a commuting student? Will you live on campus? _____ If you are not living on campus, where will you be living? _____	
9	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.	
10	ACT Score: _____ Or SAT Score: _____ A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.	

11	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____			
	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____			
Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____				

12	List the name of any school you have attended.			Year Began	Year Ended		
	A.						
	B.						
	C.						

13	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?
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14	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable) Make additional comments if needed.
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A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$	Comments:
B.	Books:	Amount: \$	
C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$	
D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$	
E.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$	

15	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:
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A.	Personal:	Amount: \$
B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$
C.	Grants:	Amount: \$
C.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$
D.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

16	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
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17	AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?		
18	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.		
19	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.		
20	GOALS: What are the short and long term goals for your life?		
21	NEED: Please explain your need for the Big Press Scholarship		
22	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?		
23	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Two reference forms. Your references will mail these to the Centerpoint Church marked attention Kevin Spencer/Scholarship Committee.
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance. A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcript. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>not acceptable</u> .
	YES	NO	Answers to questions 1-22

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Big Press Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the CenterPoint Church "Big Press" Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Centerpoint Church's scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received is
Thursday, April 21st, 2016, 4:30 p.m. No exceptions!**