



ACKERLEY COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

The Ackerley Computer Science and Technology Scholars Program awards scholarships to incoming students interested in studying Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIT) at Graceland University. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$6,000 and are renewable for all four years of study. When coupled with other academic awards that an “Ackerley Scholar” typically receives from Graceland, most of the tuition cost is covered. These scholarships help promote academic excellence in computing and technology at Graceland by attracting outstanding students to the CSIT program. Preference is based on academic scholarship and leadership shown by past achievement and standardized test scores. Applicants do not need prior experience or training in computer technologies, but rather an aptitude for math and science, good communication skills and an interest in computer technologies. For more information, contact James S. Jones by phone at 641.784.5294 or by e-mail at jsjones@graceland.edu.

Eligibility (preferred but not absolute)

- At least 3.5 GPA or 85 percentile in high school
- At least 26 Math on ACT or 620 Math on SAT
- Will pursue CSIT as a major and participate fully in Ackerley Program activities

Evaluation

Scholarship awards and amounts are based on:

- Academic success
- Communication and leadership
- Computer and technology interest
- Standardized test scores (ACT/SAT)

Application Procedure

1. Submit a Graceland application for admission (independent of the following steps).
2. Complete and send this application to the address given below.
3. Attach to this application an essay and a list of accomplishments as specified on the next page.
4. Attach, or have sent to the address below, two letters of recommendation from persons who can support your character and accomplishments (e.g., teacher, minister, community leader, etc.).
5. Have your high school, college and/or university send your latest transcript to the address below.
6. Submit all materials before March 1 — later applications are considered for funds that are still available.
7. The strongest candidates meeting the evaluation criteria will be interviewed and scholarship recipients will be asked to sign a letter of intent regarding academic and participatory expectations.

Application

Name _____ High School _____
Street _____ Phone _____
City/State _____ Cell _____
ZIP code _____ E-mail _____
Signed _____ Date _____

Mail to: Admissions Office
Graceland University
1 University Place
Lamoni, Iowa 50140

Essay

Submit a 500–750 word essay that gives some sense of who you are, your goals and your interest in science, mathematics, technology and computers.

List of Accomplishments

List anything that might be beneficial to those considering your application for this scholarship. We are looking for students who will bring a positive attitude, desire to learn and the ability to collaborate with others. Therefore, your list should include leadership roles, academic awards and any teamwork, training or content experiences you have had (particularly those related to science or technology).

For More Information

If awarded an Ackerley Scholarship you must accept certain conditions to maintain it for all four years, including good grades as a CSIT major and participation in CSIT related clubs, activities and projects. The participation requirement ensures that you will become part of the team of Ackerley Scholars and other CSIT students who energize our program.

If not awarded an Ackerley Scholarship, the center funds many things that will benefit you as a CSIT student. These include frequent upgrades of high-end workstations used by you, coverage for professional dues, trip expenses (travel, hotel, meals) for CSIT conferences and funding for hardware or software needed on projects that you might be interested in pursuing.

The deadline date and the scholarship amounts specified on the previous page are not absolute. The amount of funds available after the deadline, the pool of exceptional applicants and the extent to which other scholarships already cover one's college expenses may shape the outcome.

Go to csit.graceland.edu/ackerley to learn more about the Ackerley Program, the Ackerley Scholars, expectations, activities, etc. Contact James S. Jones, Ackerley Director, at 641.784.5294 or jsjones@graceland.edu with any questions.