



## Graceland University

Ackerley Computer Science and Technology Scholars Program  
1 University Place  
Lamoni, Iowa 50140

## Ackerley Scholarship

### Computer Science and Technology

### Information and Application

The Ackerley Computer Science and Technology Scholars Program awards scholarships to incoming students interested in studying Computer Science (CS) or Information Technology (IT) at Graceland University. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 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 are part of the Ackerley Center’s mission to promote academic excellence in CS/IT programs at Graceland by attracting outstanding students. Preference is based on academic scholarship and leadership shown by past achievement and standardized test scores. The ideal candidate has an aptitude for math and science, good communication skills, and an interest in computer technology. Prior computer programming or extensive computer experience is helpful but not required. For more information, contact James S. Jones at (641) 784-5294 or by e-mail at [jsjones@graceland.edu](mailto:jsjones@graceland.edu).

#### Eligibility

- High school graduate in the year of the application
- Minimum high school GPA of 3.5
- High school math and science grades: A's and B's
- Desirable ACT scores: Math 26 & Composite 26 or SAT scores: Math 600 & Total 1200

#### Evaluation

- Applicants will be evaluated by these criteria:
- Academic success
  - Communication and leadership
  - Computer and technology interest
  - Standardized test scores

#### Application Procedure

1. Submit a Graceland Application for Admission (independent of the following steps)
2. Complete and send this application to the Ackerley Program Director’s address given below
3. Attach to this application an essay and a list of accomplishments as specified on page 2
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/university send your latest transcript to the address below
6. Submit all materials before March 1– later applications are considered if funds 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/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to – James S. Jones, Director, Ackerley Scholars Program  
Graceland University, Division of Science and Math  
1 University Place  
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## Essay

Submit a 500-750 word essay that gives some sense of who you are and your interest and capability in science, mathematics, technology, and computer related studies. This essay is very important. It should be informative and reflect well on your ability to communicate.

## List of Accomplishments

An essay is not the best way to list many accomplishments, so you are encouraged to list those separately and to include relevant dates, according to the following categories.

- **Leadership Activities:** list and describe all leadership roles and the extent of your involvement
- **Academic Achievements:** list and describe any academic achievements such as local, state, or national awards, honor courses, merit awards, etc.
- **Computer Related Experience:** list and describe computer related work, skills, or classes that you have acquired, such as hardware, software, systems, or languages. Computer experience is not a prerequisite, however, since mathematical ability is often a better indicator of success in this field of study.
- **Other:** anything else that reflects on your strengths, communication skills, or whatever else might be helpful for review

## For More Information

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

If not awarded an Ackerley Scholarship, the center funds many things that will benefit you as a CS/IT student. These include frequent upgrades of high-end workstations used by you, coverage for professional dues, trip expenses (travel, hotel, meals) for CS/IT 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](http://csit.graceland.edu/ackerley) to learn more about the Ackerley Program, the Ackerley Scholars, expectations, activities, etc. Contact the Ackerley Director at 641-784-5294 or [jsjones@graceland.edu](mailto:jsjones@graceland.edu) with any questions.

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