

The Spectacular “InSpire” Scholarship is intended for students who are passionate about the mission of Community of Christ and are committed to continuing that interest while pursuing their education at Graceland University. The Graceland community provides many opportunities to promote the important work of the church’s Mission Initiatives. The InSpire Scholarship is offered in order to encourage Community of Christ students to attend Graceland and pursue those opportunities. Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, renewable for 4 years, are awarded on a competitive basis each year at Spectacular.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be entering their senior year of high school.
- Students must be a Spectacular participant.
- Students must meet Graceland’s admission requirements.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All application materials must be received by Graceland’s Admissions Office no later than **1 p.m. on Tuesday during Spectacular**. Application materials may be hand delivered to room 105 in the Higdon Administration Building, mailed, faxed to 641.784.5480, or sent via email to admissions@graceland.edu. Submission of all application materials prior to Spectacular is highly encouraged.

Required Materials

- An application for admission to Graceland University
- High School Transcripts
- Standardized test scores (ACT or SAT)
- An “InSpire” essay that includes a cover sheet with the applicant name, date, address, phone number, email, high school, graduation date and Spectacular Delegation.

The InSpire Essay: Applicants will submit an essay of approximately 1,500 words that addresses the following questions:

- What have you done to live out the Mission Initiatives in your home community?
- How do you see yourself engaging in the call found in Doctrine and Covenants 163:4C? *“Let the educational and community development endeavors of the church equip people of all ages to carry the ethics of Christ’s peace into all arenas of life. Prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration. Their contributions will be multiplied if their hearts are focused on God’s will for creation.”*
- What opportunities to continue your work with the Mission Initiatives do you foresee as a student at Graceland?

Essay Review. A panel of judges will read the essays and select applicants to participate in an interview process. The essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- Level of prior activities related to the Mission Initiatives
- Depth of responses related to the Doctrine and Covenants 163:4C
- Completeness of responses
- The extent to which the essay is clear and well-focused
- Demonstration of creativity

Applicant Interviews. Students will be selected by the judges for interviews. These interviews will be an opportunity for applicants to further discuss and explain their essays at a more personal level.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients. The judges will select the scholarship recipients and they will be announced on Friday of Spectacular.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

To provide increased opportunities for students to create and expand their community, service, and leadership on campus; scholarship recipients will be required to enroll and successfully complete RELG 1700/3700 Missional Ministry and Leadership Practicum each semester. The practicum is pass/fail and is available for either 0 or 1 credit each semester. For more information about the practicum, please contact Mike Hoffman, Campus Minister, at mhoffman@graceland.edu or 641.784.5466.