



2019 Raise the
Praise
Scholarship
Program
Description



Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping)

July 13th, 2019

“Greater Works - Going Above and Beyond”

speaks to the opportunity that all individuals have, more so Christians, to do things that exceed the Ten Commandments. The world is a very dark and evil place. However, we Christians have a light within us to bring light to the world and excel for greater influence and impact on others. We must strive to accomplish more than what is expected of us in our community. It is time to go beyond local, and go above in this world.

In the spirit of “**Greater Works - Going Above and Beyond**” – for 2019 there will be scholarships for the youth of the Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping) as a part of the Raise the Praise Youth Convention.

Application Package



Answers to Essay Questions (minimum 250 words, maximum 500 words per essay)

Question 1: The theme of the 2019 Raise the Praise youth conference is **Greater Works - Going Above and Beyond**. Please share what the theme means to you and how youth/ young adults in our church can demonstrate that meaning in tangible “real world” ways.

Question 2: How can you use social media platforms to positively impact the growth of the Church of God Sabbath-Keeping spiritually, socially, financially, etc... and impact the world globally?

Question 3: The convention president has stated that “it’s not enough to simply keep the commandments, but we must excel for greater influence and impact in this dark world.” Please describe your activities related to Going Above and Beyond. Describe your activities and impact in contributing to your church, the Christian community, your community at large, your school / educational institution etc.

Question 4 (Bonus): Please describe one challenge that you have overcome within the past 12 months, and the impact of that challenge on you personally, spiritually or academically.



Unofficial Transcripts

Applications must contain a copy of the applicants latest college or university transcript. For students entering their 1st year of college or university in the fall of 2019, a high school transcript can be provided



Completed Scholarship Application Form

Application form will have generic information (name, address, school, program, year of study, expected graduation etc. In addition the application form will have a program overview, the list of scholarships (academic, merit, innovator, champion’s) and criteria (external facing criteria), list of the essay questions, the key dates, application process, and an e-mail address for questions and submission of the application package. The form will also ask for an estimate of financial gap to provide data for the merit scholarship. All packages to be submitted electronically via e-mail.



Overview, Objectives, Funding

”The theme for this year challenges this generation to not only just keep the commandments, but to excel for greater influence and impact in this dark world.”

•2019 President's Message



Overview

- Provide funding to students at the college and university level who have a meaningful connection with the Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping) through a competitive application process
- Goal is to both encourage and support COG-SK Christian youth

Objectives

Raise the Praise Youth **Convention** investing into the Education of Young Adults
(funded scholarships)

Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping) young adults investing into the Raise the Praise Youth Convention
(Essay answers)

Funding

- Funding for the scholarships originates from a combination of support from the leadership of the Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping) and from personal individual donations

Scholarship Descriptions and Application Criteria

Summary of Scholarship	Value	Scholarship Specific Judging Criteria	General Criteria (All Scholarships)
Academic Achievement	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest College / University¹ Grade Point Average (prior year / last 2 semesters) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completeness of the application package Achieving word counts in essays Receipt of the application package at or before the deadline Preference will be given to applicants who are baptised members of a Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping) assembly² – however applicants with parents or grandparents who are baptized members are also eligible to apply Must be attending a college or university full time or part-time in the 2019 school year (September 2019 to May 2020) – diploma; undergrad or graduate degree level Only 1 scholarship per applicant to be awarded Payments issued directly to schools
Innovator's Scholarship	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best response to the “Raise the Praise” essay question about youth involvement in planning or general improvement ideas 	



Note: (1) Students entering their 1st year of college/university in August/September are not eligible for this scholarship
 (2) Brampton, Mississauga, Montreal, Ottawa, Rexdale, Scarborough, Syracuse Congregations