



2019 Raise the Praise  
Scholarship  
Scholarship Application  
Package



# 2019 RTP Scholarship Application Package

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## 1.0 Instructions:

Thanks for expressing interest in the 2019 Raise the Praise Scholarship Program. Please type all of your responses into this MS word document then save the file with a filename that includes your name (e.g. “pat sanderson RTP Application.docx”).

- The sections of this application form that you will need to fill in have been colored light gray
- Email any questions or submissions to the [rtp.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:rtp.scholarships@gmail.com) email address

The accelerated/compressed application process for 2019 will occur in three steps.

### Step 1:

Complete **section 1** which is the applicant information section on page 3.

### Step 2:

Please complete and provide answers to **section 2** which is the essay questions that are on page 4 to page 7.

Step 3: Save your applicant information, along with your completed essay answers to the questions into one document, and rename the file under your name (e.g. “pat sanderson RTP Application.docx”).

Submit your application, including both sections (1 and 2) to the [rtp.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:rtp.scholarships@gmail.com) email address by the **deadline of Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 11:59 midnight**. Both sections of the applications received after the 8/13/2019 deadline will automatically be disqualified from the 2019 process.

- There are a total of 4 essays in the application package
- All applicants must answer questions 1, 2 and 3
- Answering essay question 4 is a bonus
- Essay answers must be a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 500 words each
- The answers to the essays must be typed into this application form

## 2.0 Application Form:

# Section 1: Applicant Information

Required Information	Applicant Response
Name (First Name & Last Name)	
Address (Street, City, Province, Postal Code)	
Phone Number (cell/mobile)	
Phone Number (home)	
E-mail Address	
Name of School Attended	
Estimated Graduation Year	
Program of Study	
What was your GPA for the last 2 semesters as a number (e.g. 3.2 out of 4.0 or 10.5 of 13) or a letter grade	
Are you a baptized member of the Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping)? Yes / No	
Are your parents or grandparents a baptized member of the Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping)? Yes / No	
What are your estimated school expenses (\$'s) for the 2019/2020 school year?	\$
How much funds have you currently identified / secured (e.g. loans, savings, scholarships) for the 2019/2020 school year?	\$
How did you hear about the 2019 RTP Scholarship Program?	

# Section 2: Essay Questions (1 of 4)

**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.

Type essay answer here....

# Essay Questions (2 of 4)

**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?**

Type essay answer here....

# Essay Questions (3 of 4)

**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.**

Type essay answer here....

# Essay Questions (4 of 4)

**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.**

Type essay answer here....

### 3.0 Application Criteria:

#### 3.1 Judging Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relative quality of essay answers in relation to applicant pool and quality of response in addressing the essay topics
- Completeness of the application package
- Achieving minimum word counts in essays, but not exceeding maximums
- Receipt of the application package at or before the deadlines

#### 3.2 Eligibility Criteria

- Preference will be given to applicants who are baptized members of a Church of God (Sabbath-Keeping) assembly – however applicants with parents or grandparents who are baptized members are also eligible to apply. Individuals not meeting these criteria are also eligible to apply but should understand the preferential nature of the evaluation criteria
- Students entering their 1<sup>st</sup> year of college or university in September 2019 are not eligible for the academic achievement scholarship
- Must be attending a college or university full time or part-time in the 2020 school year (September 2019 to May 2020) at the diploma; undergraduate or graduate/professional degree level (masters or doctorate)
- Only 1 scholarship per applicant per year to be awarded

#### 3.3 Additional details

- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the schools of the scholarship winners by cashier's check / money order and will be applied towards tuition
- Winners will be required to provide details of payment information (e.g. registrars information; address and contact information etc.)
- An unofficial transcript will be required of the applicants who are awarded one of the scholarships

- Please refer to the “RTP 2019 Scholarship GRAPHIC Overview vFinal” google document for additional information about the 2019 scholarship program
- All applications must be submitted electronically, no hard copy applications will be accepted
- All questions or comments can be e-mailed to [rtp.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:rtp.scholarships@gmail.com)