

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Island Christian Church

Summary

Two \$2,000 scholarships, to be awarded to graduating seniors, one male and one female, residing on Long Island whose lives exemplify genuine character and promote the Scriptural values upon which our country was founded. Graduating seniors of families of Island Christian Church who are engaged in full-time ministry, in a location other than Long Island, are also eligible.

Up to two \$750 High Honorable Mention scholarships may also be awarded, regardless of gender. A committee appointed by the church will select the recipients. The scholarship will be presented at a special Baccalaureate Service, held at the church, on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Selected recipients will be required to attend this service.

Background

Island Christian Church wishes to promote genuine character development in the youth of our community. While the church has a very active youth ministry and outreach, it is our desire, with this scholarship, to reach beyond the confines of our church community to the community-at-large in order to recognize and reward young people of proven and genuine character.

In the very first inaugural address of our nation, given by George Washington in New York City on April 30, 1789, he insisted: "there is no truth more thoroughly established, than there exists...an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness." He further contends "the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." As the Psalmist confidently asserts, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12 This we believe.

Criteria for Award

The American Heritage Scholarship Committee will judge applicants using each of these values, as revealed in the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments:

- ◆ Genuine, personal faith in God, and adherence to the Ten Commandments
- ◆ Patriotism
- ◆ Honesty and integrity and being truthful with others
- ◆ Compassion and concern for others
- ◆ Respect for those in God-ordained authority (parents, pastors/religious leaders, government, teachers/work superiors)
- ◆ Sanctity of life
- ◆ Sexual purity and modesty
- ◆ Wise use of social media

The scholarship award will recognize genuine character in two dimensions:

Example—how is the applicant's life an example of the personal values listed above?

Influence—in what activities is the applicant engaged that promote the personal values listed above?

Application Process

- ◆ The applicant must complete parts A-D of the 2023 Scholarship Award application
- ◆ The applicant must procure three recommendations on the attached forms:
 1. A school official who knows the student well (teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or school administrator).
 2. A spiritual leader (minister, priest, rabbi)
 3. An adult other than family, school representative or member of the clergy
- ◆ Finalists will be invited for interview before the winners are selected

All applications, required nominations, and recommendations must be postmarked **March 1, 2023, or earlier**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Applications and recommendations may also be emailed to SCHOLARSHIP@ISLANDCHRISTIAN.COM no later than **noon of Friday, March 1, 2023**. Further copies of this application can be downloaded from our website: www.islandchristian.com/scholarship

**AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP
2023 Scholarship Award**

Applicant's Name _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

High School _____ Place of worship that you attend _____

A. Complete a 2-3 page typewritten essay (double spaced) on the following topic:

The American Heritage Scholarship seeks to recognize and promote the following values:

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- ◆ Explain how your commitment to each one of these values is displayed in your daily life and actions.
- ◆ Also explain ways in which you have promoted these values within your school and/or community. Please give specific examples of times when you have taken a stand for these values.

B. Which persons and institutions have been the most influential in developing your personal character? How has this been done?

C. Please provide a list of all school, religious, and civic activities or organizations in which you have participated as a high school student. List years involved and any offices or positions held in the activity.

D. Please list the names and contact details of those writing your recommendations:

School Official _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Spiritual Leader _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Personal _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

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School Official's Recommendation

Scholarship Applicant's Name _____

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◆ **Please provide a letter of recommendation commenting, from your personal knowledge of the applicant, on how their life both exemplifies and promotes the values above.**

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Name (please print) _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

All information contained in this recommendation is confidential.

Please mail, before **March 1, 2023**, to:

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP C/O ISLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
400 ELWOOD ROAD ■ EAST NORTHPORT, NY 11731

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Spiritual Leader's Recommendation

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Personal Recommendation

Scholarship Applicant's Name _____

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