
Trustees' Scholarship

This award recognizes Christian scholars who have consistently demonstrated high academic achievement and will perpetuate the mission of Azusa Pacific University during their academic studies and later in their chosen careers. To fulfill this purpose, five annually renewable, full-tuition scholarships are available to assist deserving students in achieving success in their academic, spiritual, and personal development.

Applicant Qualifications

Applicants must meet all of the requirements listed below:

- First-time freshman applicant to Azusa Pacific University
- Minimum high school grade-point average (GPA) of 3.9 on a 4.0 scale or ranked in the top five percent of high school graduating class (GPA is based on grades 10 and 11, excluding PE and driver's education; honors/AP grades are weighted)
- Minimum combined score of 1300 on the SAT (combined math and critical reading score from single test date only) or 30 on the ACT
- Demonstrated involvement in church, school, or community-related activities
- Demonstrated strong Christian commitment
- Completed Application for Undergraduate Admission postmarked by November 15, 2013

Application Process

1. Complete the Azusa Pacific University Trustees' Scholarship Application form.
2. Complete a personal statement as described in the application.
3. Submit eight copies of the full application and personal statement.
4. Secure letters of reference from:
 - a. Pastor/church leader (one who can comment on the applicant's Christian commitment and service)
 - b. Teachers from two different academic core courses or two individuals who can speak of the applicant's academic preparation

Additional Conditions

Recipients will be eligible for an award up to the amount of annual tuition for a maximum of four years or completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. The total scholarship award is not to exceed the direct cost of tuition and applies to study completed at the APU campus.

Please remember, in order to be considered for this scholarship, students must submit a completed Application for Undergraduate Admission, including all supporting materials, by November 15, 2013. Whether submitted online or by mail, the student is ultimately responsible for providing all application materials and references by the above deadlines. If you mail your application, we strongly suggest that *all* materials be mailed two weeks in advance of the postmark deadlines. If any item does not arrive on time, the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship.**

***A certificate of mailing will be the only substitute document accepted for any missing or late items.*

The scholarship is renewable for recipients maintaining a minimum course load of 12 units with a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of each academic year. Any recipient who does not meet the minimum renewal standards will be required to meet with the Admissions Committee and may be subject to removal from the program and loss of future funds. In addition to representing the institution at various functions, recipients may be required to participate in an internship and/or research project in their area of study.

Deadlines

The completed Application for Undergraduate Admission, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by November 15, 2013.

The scholarship application and all supporting materials (including references) must be postmarked on or before December 15, 2013. Mail all items to:

*Trustees' Scholarship Committee
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Azusa Pacific University
PO Box 7000
Azusa, CA 91702-7000*

Scholarship finalists and two guests will be invited to campus for various events, including personal interviews, March 20–22, 2014. Finalists and their two guests will be honored at a banquet on the evening of Friday, March 21. Administration and faculty will be in attendance. All finalists must be on campus for the duration of March 20 and 21 to be considered. No exceptions will be made. There will be an optional all-day event for finalists on Saturday, March 22. Travel expenses for the student will be paid by the university for any travel within the United States.* Committee decisions on scholarship recipients will be announced by telephone and/or letter no later than April 9, 2014.

**Travel arrangements are subject to the approval of the Trustees' Scholarship Committee.*

Honors College

Azusa Pacific University would like to extend a special invitation to all Trustees' Scholarship applicants to apply for admission into the APU Honors College. Please see apu.edu/trusteesscholarship for more details, and refer to the Personal Statement section of this application for information on how to streamline the Honors College application process.

Application

Please print clearly.

Personal Information

Name _____ Phone () _____
Street address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Cell phone () _____ Email _____
Birthdate _____ Intended academic major _____

Academic Information

High school _____
Street address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Cumulative high school GPA _____ High school class rank _____ High school class size _____
SAT score _____ Math _____ Critical Reading _____
ACT Composite score _____ English _____ Reading _____ Math _____

Academic and School Activities

Please list academic and/or school activities in which you have participated, and give a brief description of the requirements involved for each. Also, indicate if you were a leader or participant. (Please limit honors and achievements to grades 10–12 only.) Please do not add additional pages. Select the five activities that have been most significant to you.

Activity _____
 Leadership position Participant Time commitment per wk./mo. _____
Length of involvement _____ Description _____

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 Leadership position Participant Time commitment per wk./mo. _____
Length of involvement _____ Description _____

Church or Community Activities

Please list church and/or community activities in which you have participated, and give a brief description of the requirements involved for each. Also, indicate if you were a leader or participant. (Please limit honors and achievements to grades 10–12 only.) Please do not add additional pages. Select the five activities that have been most significant to you.

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Personal Statement

TOPIC

Describe yourself in an essay. Include your plans following the completion of your education. Be creative.

Please check this box if you plan to apply for the APU Honors College and would like to use the Trustees' Scholarship personal statement as your Honors College application essay.

FORMAT AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The personal statement should be computer-generated or typed. Text should be double-spaced with one-inch margins at the top, bottom, left, and right. Preferred font size is 10- or 12-point. All paragraphs should be indented five spaces. Essays should not exceed three pages. The personal statement should be stapled (upper left corner) to the application form.

Essays will be evaluated based on competence in creativity, personal expression, and clarity of thought.

Application Checklist

- My one Pastor/Church Leader Reference form and two Academic Reference forms have been completed by the appropriate individuals **and are enclosed.**
- I have included eight copies of my personal statement and application form.
- I have completed my Application for Undergraduate Admission, postmarked by **November 15, 2013.**
- I understand that, if selected as a finalist, I must be on campus for the duration of the campus visit, interviews, and banquet from Thursday, March 20, through Friday, March 21, 2014. **No exceptions will be made.**

I understand that failure to comply with the deadlines and requirements listed will disqualify my application from consideration.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Pastor/Church Leader Reference

Applicant's name _____ Phone () _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

Complete the information above and the waiver section below. Give this form to an appropriate person who is familiar with your Christian commitment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVALUATOR

The person whose name appears above has applied for the **Trustees' Scholarship at Azusa Pacific University for fall 2014**. This full-tuition scholarship recognizes Christian scholars who have consistently demonstrated high academic achievement. We would greatly appreciate your candid appraisal of the applicant.

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Please complete the reverse side of this form; **item four should be addressed on your church's/organization's letterhead**.

Upon completion of your reference, **please place the form in an envelope, seal it, and return it to the applicant**. Please know that the applicant must return the application with references by **December 15, 2013**.

Waiver Section

To the applicant: You may either waive or retain your rights to inspect your reference letter and/or form. Please indicate your preference below.

I understand that this reference concerning me is to be received and maintained in confidence by Azusa Pacific University and will be used to evaluate my eligibility for the Trustees' Scholarship. I hereby expressly waive any and all rights I might have to this document under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the California Information Practices Act of 1977, and any/all other laws, regulations, or policies. I understand that the rights I am waiving include, but are not limited to, the right to inspect and review this letter and/or form, the right to have a copy made for my use, and the right to request an amendment of this letter and/or form.

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

- I waive** the right provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) to view this letter and/or form of reference in my file at Azusa Pacific University.
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Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. How well do you know the applicant? Very well Well Casually
3. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
4. On your church's/organization's letterhead, please respond to the following:
 - Do you believe the applicant has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please explain your answer.
 - Please list ways in which the applicant has demonstrated leadership in your church/organization. Include examples of strengths and unique skills.
 - Do you believe the applicant possesses the necessary qualities to succeed at a Christian college? (Please answer YES or NO and explain your response.)
5. Please assess, by a check mark, the applicant relative to other students whom you have known in a similar capacity.

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unable to judge* |
|--|-----------|------|------|------|------------------|
| Ability to work with others | | | | | |
| Creativity/originality/resourcefulness | | | | | |
| Emotional maturity | | | | | |
| Judgment | | | | | |
| Leadership | | | | | |
| Motivation/initiative | | | | | |
| Perseverance | | | | | |
| Personal integrity | | | | | |
| Spiritual maturity | | | | | |

*If unable to judge, please clarify: _____

6. What is your overall recommendation?
 - Strongly recommend
 - Recommend
 - Recommend with some reservation (*please explain*): _____
 - Do not recommend (*please explain*): _____

Evaluator's name (*please print*) _____

Position/title _____

Church/organization _____

Evaluator's signature _____ Date _____

NOTE:
 Upon completion of this evaluation, please place form in a sealed envelope and **return it to the student for mailing**. Thank you.

Academic Reference

Applicant's name _____ Phone () _____

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| Ability to work with others | | | | | |
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| Emotional maturity | | | | | |
| Independence of thought | | | | | |
| Intellectual ability | | | | | |
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