

BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION PLEASE READ THE STIPULATIONS. BE SURE YOU CAN ANSWER

“YES” TO EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS!

1) Are you a baptized believer in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the son of God?

2) Are you a member of and attending a Christ worshipping Church?

3) Will your planned vocation have you serving within Christian ministry, i.e. preaching the gospel in local church, Evangelist, Bible teaching, Christian missions, worship ministry, children’s ministry, etc?

4) Are you currently pursuing these church related vocations and/or planning to if you receive a scholarship from us?

5) Are you planning to attend a Christian college/university full-time (12 hr. minimum)?

6) If you have just finished high school, was your cumulative GPA at least a 3.0/4.0?

AND BE SURE YOU CAN ANSWER “NO” TO THIS QUESTION

Have you already received scholarship dollars from us for eight semesters?

2019/2020

Lydia's Closet Consortium undergraduate application for first year college students.

PERSONAL INFORMATION All questions must be answered

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if not at home) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Baptism by Immersion \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: (circle one) Male Female

Name of Spouse (if married) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Minister's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Minister or Elder's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Church Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**2018/2019 EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION All questions must be answered**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school principal/guidance counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Graduated (or to graduate) \_\_\_\_\_

High School honors received (describe basis of award) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Member of the following high school organizations \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participated in following athletics \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In what year do you anticipate completing your undergraduate work? \_\_\_\_\_

CHRISTIAN SERVICE INFORMATION All questions must be answered

Please list the areas of your involvement in your home congregation, church camp, mission projects, Christian college, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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For which area(s) of ministry do you plan to prepare? If more than one, please rank in order of plans:

\_\_\_\_\_ Preaching ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Youth ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Missions ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Children's ministry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Music ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Other ministry

What Major do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

What Christian College do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my photo and essay may be used for publicity purposes and hereby grant my release and permission to use my essay and/or photo as considered appropriate by the Lydia's Closet Consortium. I further understand that any and all scholarships are awarded at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of Lydia's Closet Consortium. I grant permission for a representative of Lydia's Closet Consortium to be given my grades, record of conduct & verification of awards listed.

Date

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Signature

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Printed name

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2019/2020

Guidelines for Essay - "Why I desire to serve Christ in a church-related vocation"

Section 1) Personal introduction & background information

Section 2) Qualifications / Experience

Section 3) Specific intention and goal

Checklist

Have you enclosed the following with your application?

- 1) A 500 to 1,000 word typed essay "Why I desire to serve Christ in a church-related vocation"
- 2) Transcript of high school grades (This needs to include your fall grades!)
- 3) One recent photograph of the applicant. Must be a clear wallet size (or larger) picture of only the applicant.
- 4) Completed Minister's Evaluation Form in a sealed envelope
- 5) Completed Elder's/Youth Leader's Evaluation Form in a sealed envelope

If any of the above is missing, your application will be considered incomplete.

If your application is not postmarked by April 1, 2019 it will be considered late and will not be processed.

Lydia's Closet Consortium Scholarship Requirements - Undergraduate Application Deadline: March 1st

**(Applicant to retain this section for his or her record and reference)**

*Lydia's Closet Consortium is a non-profit, charitable, organization established in 2016 for the purpose of granting scholarships and other financial assistance to students and pastors who are active in the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ and Christian education. Lydia's Closet Consortium support comes from private donations from Christians, friends, corporations and churches across the United States.*

Stipulations for applying for a Lydia's Closet Consortium Scholarship

1. The applicant must be one who desires to serve in some church-related vocation. A church-related vocation is defined as a job in which the primary emphasis is in the areas of preaching or making disciples of Jesus Christ. Some examples of a church-related vocation (ministry) are a job in a local church (a minister, a youth minister, a music minister), a missionary or a professor at a Christian college. (NOTE: LCC does not award scholarships for those majoring in or preparing for a vocation in church business administration, or worship technology.)
2. The applicant must be attending or plan to attend Christian college/university full time (12 hr. minimum).
3. The applicant must have at least a 3.0/4.0 cumulative GPA.

Procedure for applying for a Lydia's Closet Consortium Scholarship

1. The application and all information listed below must be completed by the candidate or designated party and be submitted to Lydia's Closet Consortium during open enrollment between Oct. 15 and postmarked on or before April 1st.
  - a. A 500 to 1,000 word typed essay on the subject, "Why I desire to serve Christ in a church-related vocation."
  - b. Transcript of high school grades (include fall grades!). IF home-schooled, we need a copy of your ACT or SAT scores.
  - c. One recent photograph of the applicant. Must be a clear wallet size (or larger) picture of only the applicant.
  - d. Completed Minister's Evaluation Form. (Sealed in an envelope by the minister and returned with the application.)
  - e. Completed Elder's/Youth Leader's Evaluation Form. (Sealed in an envelope by the elder/youth leader and returned with the application.)
2. The April 1st deadline applies to all of the above forms and information. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have all materials returned and postmarked on or before April 1st. Applicant may contact the LCC office to check on the status of materials received. (You may wish to send your application by registered or certified mail.)
3. The applicants considered for final selection for a scholarship may be required to attend an interview session and/or participate in a conference call.
4. Applications should be mailed to: Lydia's Closet Consortium, 801 E. Wisconsin St. Oblong, IL 62449.
5. The applicant will be advised of the decision of Lydia's Closet Consortium concerning the application via E-mail.
6. All scholarship awards given will be for one year only, in the amount of \$1000./semester. No undergraduate scholarship recipient may receive a scholarship for more than 8 semesters.

## Stipulations for terminating a Lydia's Closet Consortium Scholarship

1. The stipulations for receiving a Lydia's Closet Consortium scholarship are binding throughout the recipient's education for his church-related vocation. A previous recipient will not be considered for another year's scholarship if any of the following conditions apply. a. If a recipient's career goals change and he/she is no longer pursuing a church-related vocation. b. If a recipient does not maintain a C grade average. c. If a recipient transfers to a college other than one approved by Lydia's Closet Consortium d. If a recipient is no longer considered full-time.
2. The Directors of Lydia's Closet Consortium also reserve the right to terminate a scholarship for what a majority of them believe to be academic incompetence, immorality or unbecoming conduct on the part of the recipient of a Lydia's Closet Consortium scholarship. Actions such as being placed on probation by the college or being expelled from school will be considered reasons for not considering a future application from an applicant unless strong evidence can be produced that the student has made a dramatic change in his/her life.

## Lydia's Closet Consortium Equal Opportunity Policy

Lydia's Closet Consortium is an independent, non-profit grant-making agency based in Oblong, IL operating throughout the United States of America, providing Scholarship support to persons fulfilling qualifications set forth by Lydia's Closet Consortium. Lydia's Closet Consortium complies with all state and federal laws regarding equal rights. Scholarships are given by Lydia's Closet Consortium, regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin or disability. \* The Foundation abides by the equal opportunity laws in all aspects of employment, scholarships, and board members. \* The Officers are responsible for formulating, implementing, coordinating, and monitoring all efforts in the area of equal employment opportunity. If you have a concern about fair and equal treatment, immediately contact the Lydia's Closet Consortium's President, or contact a member of Lydia's Closet Consortium Board.

Applicant: Please retain this portion for your files.

Minister's Evaluation of Character and Direction

Student's Name

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Student: This evaluation form is to be completed by a minister of your sponsoring church and returned to you in a sealed envelope before February 21. Is this student a member of your church? Yes No (circle one)

Category: Character (Circle appropriate word)

**Christ-like morals** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Leadership among peers** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Ability to get along with others** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Follows instruction of leaders** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Respects church leadership** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Ability to make decisions** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Perseverance at tasks** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Has earned respect of others** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

Category: Direction/Motivation (Check appropriate box)

**Goal-oriented** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Jumps from one thing to another?** Yes No

**Probability of completing college through graduation**, Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Consistent desire to train for a church-related vocation** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Commitment to Christian vocation despite adverse influences** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Past involvement in ministries** - VBS, Teaching, Pulpit, Worship leader, Mission trips (Circle all that apply)

**Attendance at church functions** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Response to ministry role models** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Aptitude for specialized Christian service** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

Personal comments

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Minister's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

Elder / Youth Leader Evaluation of Character and Direction

Student's Name

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Student: This evaluation form is to be completed by an elder or youth leader of your sponsoring church and returned to you in a sealed envelope before February 21.

Category: Character (Circle appropriate word)

**Christ-like morals** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Leadership among peers** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Ability to get along with others** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Follows instruction of leaders** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Respects church leadership** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Ability to make decisions** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Perseverance at tasks** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Has earned respect of others** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

Category: Direction/Motivation (Check appropriate box)

**Goal-oriented** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Jumps from one thing to another?** Yes      No

**Probability of completing college through graduation** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Consistent desire to train for a church-related vocation** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Commitment to Christian vocation despite adverse influences** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Past involvement in ministries** - VBS, Teaching, Pulpit, Worship leader, Mission trips (Circle all that apply)

**Attendance at church functions** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Response to ministry role models** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Aptitude for specialized Christian service** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

How long have you known this student & in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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Elder or Youth Leader's name & title: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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