

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 or a pastor for 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 or college professor?
- 4) Are you planning pursue a graduate degree or PhD to further your service to Christ if you receive a scholarship from us?
- 5) Are you planning to attend a Christian college/university as a full-time graduate student?
- 6) Are you also the bread winner for your family? If yes, how many dependents have you?

2019/2020

Lydia's Closet Consortium graduate application for advanced college degree 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

2018/2019 EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION All questions must be answered

Name of college/university from which you have received other degrees

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date expected to graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Honors received (describe basis of award) \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership in Christian organizations (names and purpose)

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Number of years in Christian ministry and/or names of congregations served

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE INFORMATION All questions must be answered

Please list the areas of your involvement in mission projects, Christian college, or outreach organizations

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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 \_\_\_\_\_Missions ministry \_\_\_\_\_Professorial ministry  
\_\_\_\_\_Other ministry (Please describe)

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_

2019/2020

Guidelines for Essay - "Why I need/desire an advanced degree to serve Christ"

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 need/desire an advanced degree to serve Christ"
- 2) Transcript of collegiate studies to date.
- 3) One recent photograph of the applicant. Must be a clear wallet size (or larger) picture of only the applicant.
- 4) Completed character reference 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 – Advanced Degree 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 Christ centered vocation. A Christ centered vocation is defined as a career in which the primary emphasis is in the areas of preaching or teaching disciples of Jesus Christ. Some examples of a Christ centered vocation (ministry) are a career in a local church or collegiate institution (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 approved by Lydia's Closet Consortium board.
3. The applicant must have at least a 3.0 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 need/desire an advanced degree to serve Christ." b. Transcript of college/university studies to date. c. One recent photograph of the applicant. Must be a clear wallet size (or larger) picture of only the applicant. d. Completed character reference form (Sealed in an envelope by the author 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. Postmarked no later than March 1.
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.

## 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 Christ centered career. 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 Christ centered career. b. If a recipient does not maintain a 3.0 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 the board believes 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 shows 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.

Professional reference of Character and Direction

Student's Name

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**Student: This evaluation form is to be completed by a colleague whose profession and familiarity with the student's life and ministry would be relevant. Return with application in a sealed envelope to student before February 21.**

Is the student known by you?    Yes    No (circle one)

How many years have you known the student and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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,

**Leadership qualities** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable,

**Respects 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 an advanced learning degree** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

**Consistent ability to train others** - Excellent, Good, Average, Poor, Unacceptable

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

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



Personal comments

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Professional reference's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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