

Student Assistance Program



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Student Assistance Program

- Purpose:** Provide financial and spiritual assistance to traditional and non-traditional students.
- Mission:**
1. Vocational Ministry Scholarship: Encourage and reward students to enter colleges in order to acquire an appropriate education for the purpose of entering full-time ministry as a full-time vocation.
 2. Non-Vocational Ministry Scholarship: Encourage and reward spiritual excellence in students of non-ministry vocations for the purpose of establishing Christian foundations in all vocations.
- Vision:**
- To have assisted many students of many vocations that have entered both ministry and non-ministry vocations and are now impacting their particular vocation in its design and execution with Christian principles and values resulting in the transformation of lives for Christ.
- To see these students reaching out to each other as a network to support one another as the years go by, to encourage a cross-vocational and cross-cultural exchange and support of ideas and Christian values.
- To produce an alumni of students that will give back to the Student Assistance Program so that others will be given an even greater opportunity to participate in this benefit and support network, creating stability and growth in this program.

Who is eligible?

Any traditional or non-traditional **full-time** student entering an approved Bible college, Christian university, or Christian Liberal Arts college for the purpose of obtaining a Bachelors Degree is eligible. Definitions are as follows:

Traditional Student

- A person in their senior year intending to advance into full-time college curriculum in the next year.
- A person who is a recent high school graduate desiring to begin a full-time education program in the next 12 months. (Recent is defined as having graduated in the last 24 months.)

Non-traditional Student

- A person desiring to enter a full-time college education program that does not fall into the traditional student definition.

Full-Time Student

- At least twelve hours per school term or 80% of the school's full-time course load recommendation.

Personal Requirements

- Each applicant must be a member of Connection Pointe Christian Church. Each student must have a 3.0 GPA at the point of application as well as maintain a 3.0 GPA while receiving the scholarship.

What is required?

1. Completed application (Either typed or on electronic media)
 - a. General information
 - b. Church Involvement
 - c. Statement of Faith
 - d. Future Issues
2. Previous transcripts of grades (Must maintain a "B" average or a 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale).
3. References: (Please turn the information and we will contact you.)
4. Interview: Candidates might be required to have a personal interview, to be determined later.

How it works:

1. Each year CONNECTION POINTE provides a *Student Assistance Program*. Once a student completes the required information and turns it in to the committee, each student will be informed if he/she will be granted a scholarship for college. Each student is required to inform Connection Pointe of any financial deadlines that need to be met for his/her scholastic needs. **The application must be typed** or on a disk as required by the Award Committee.
2. Rewards are based on a list of criteria. Some of the criteria are whether or not the student is choosing to pursue ministry, how he/she intends to engage his/her degree in the world, the school he/she plans to attend and financial need. It is the committee's intent, however, to apply the funds first and foremost to students who are pursuing vocational ministry. The committee has and may continue to reward non-vocational ministry students, as funds are available.
3. The application, transcripts and references are to be received in the church office by **March 15th**.
4. It is our intent that all of the notifications be sent out by **June 30th**.
5. Awards and final notification are to be sent to the school of your choice by **August 1st**. Please notify the church office if there are any changes to the school you plan to attend, special deadlines for church grant matching programs or specific procedures required by your school.
6. Connection Pointe reserves the right to give financial assistance above and beyond the requirements to meet special circumstances and individual needs.

Places to seek more financial aid:

- Alexander Christian Foundation
 1. www.acfindiana.org
- Web site of your school of choice.
- Guidance counselors and school offices.

Scholarship Application

Step One

Thank you for beginning the application process. By completing this application, you will better help educate our committee as to who you are and who you want to become professionally because of your commitment to Christ. Please carefully fill out each section of this application to the best of your ability.

All information on this form must be typed.

I. General Information

Student's Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

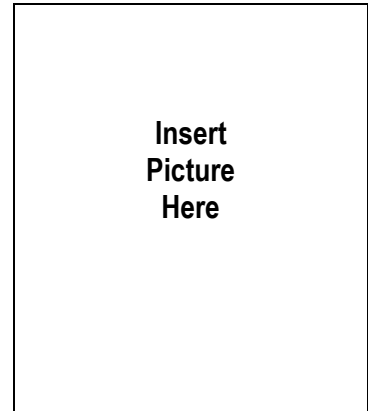
Social Security # _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Marital Status _____ # of Dependents _____

College you plan to attend _____



Parents' Information:

(Father)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Marital Status _____ # of Dependents _____

(Mother)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Marital Status _____ # of Dependents _____

II. Church Involvement/Service

1. List any extracurricular activities you were involved in that were **not** provided by Connection Pointe (sports, work, music, etc.). Please list how long you were involved in the activity and what time commitment was required.
2. Mark your level of involvement by rating the activities you were involved in at Connection Pointe. Do **not** score activities you did not participate in.

1= once a year 2= quarterly 3=every other month 4= monthly 5= weekly/almost weekly

Purpose of Each Ministry	Name of Each Ministry	When it met	Score your involvement
<i>Growth & Community</i>	Focus Small Groups	Sunday: 9:30 a.m.	
	Adult/Family Worship	Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 8:30, 10 or 11:30 a.m.	
<i>Leadership</i>	i-Life Student Leadership	Before Focus weekly	
<i>Service</i>	Weekly Ministries within Connection Pointe (Children's, Nursery, etc.)	Sunday Mornings or as needed	
	Other Ministries at Connection Pointe (Children's Ministry, choir, musicals, server, etc.)	During seasonal times or as needed	
	Lighthouse Mission, Outreach INC, Sheltering Wings	Independent volunteering or through Family Groups	
<i>Discipleship</i>	Student Trips (Elevate, Big Stuff)	Winter and Summer	
Total Your Score			
Other Activities			

3. Please comment on how this ministry better prepared you to continue to sharpen your faith so that you will be able to live your faith day to day and continue to make an impact for God's kingdom, worldwide (200 words or less, please use a separate piece of paper).

III. Statement of faith/spiritual journey

Please, unless you are using a digital form, use a separate piece of paper to express your answers. Feel free to use whatever necessary, especially scriptures, in supporting your responses.

1. Please explain how you came to know Christ and how your life is different because of His life. (Explain your conversion, life's journey, hardships overcome and how Jesus' sacrifice changes the way you live your life. 500 words or less.)

2. Please explain what you believe according to these issues. (Please share your interpretation as well as scriptures to support what you have come to believe. Each should be 100 words or less.)
 - Person of Jesus

 - Person of God

 - Person of the Holy Spirit

 - The Bible

 - Man

 - Salvation

 - Evangelism/Missions

3. What is your favorite book of the Bible and why? Favorite verse and why? (100 words or less.)

IV. Future issues/school/morality/personal integrity/world evangelism/expectations of the church.

Please use a separate piece of paper to express your answers. Also, make sure all responses for this section are typed. (Feel free to use whatever is necessary, especially scriptures, in supporting your responses.)

School

1. Why have you chosen to attend this school and this major as a tool to prepare you for life? What are your immediate collegiate goals? (200 words or less.)

2. How does your response to #1 help you accomplish any long-range goals you have and what are some of your long-range goals? (200 words or less.)

3. How do you see yourself being involved in the local church, not just Connection Pointe, during your...(Each answer should be 100 words or less.)
 - a. College years

 - b. After college years

Morality

1. How do you plan to deal with issues that college and early adulthood bring with regards to: (Each should be 200 words or less)
 - Underage drinking

 - Premarital sex relations

 - Drug and substance use

 - Language (swearing, lying, gossip, slander, etc.)

Personal Integrity

1. When dealing with life, do you have anyone you can share personal and spiritual issues with in a safe and reliable environment? (200 words or less)

2. Do you have a personal time with God? One what consistency and how do you approach it? List books, devotionals, prayer habits, etc. (75 words or less)

World Evangelism

1. To whom have you shared your faith and presented the Gospel in an effort to bring them closer to Christ? (100 words or less)

Church Expectations

1. Parents: Why should Connection Pointe support your student? (200 words or less)

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

2. Student: To what extent does your choice of school and major merit partnership with yourself and Connection Pointe both financially and personally? (100 words or less)

What to do next?

- Step Two** Fill out the Reference Form. We must have three references (typed and signed).
- Step Three** Turn in any transcripts of your previous educational experiences from high school and/or any other past secondary education.
- Step Four** Turn in your application, with all additional pages attached in order, the reference form, and all transcripts. You are not required to turn in a F.A.F.S.A. form. If you would like to do so that is at your discretion. (All items need to be submitted together. All items on the application and reference form need to be typed.)

