

The Caldwell Memorial Scholarship Program

The Caldwell Memorial Scholarship Program was established in May 2022 by the family of Kelly Caldwell. This fund was created by Kelly's family and West Lake Christian Church, to honor the legacy of Kelly Caldwell who served first as Elder and then as Pastor of West Lake Christian Church. Education has always been especially important to both Kelly and Nancy Caldwell's families. With financial assistance from WLCC, Kelly chose to pursue continuing education and Pastoral Certification. Kelly not only pastored West Lake Christian Church, he also attended seminary for six years while caring for his flock at WLCC. In October of 2019, much to his joy, and that of his congregation, he received his Certificate of Pastoral Ministry. Sadly, Kelly Caldwell passed from this life to his heavenly life on December 2, 2020, succumbing to the Covid19 virus.

The Caldwell Memorial Scholarship Fund is held, managed, administered, and paid out by the Scholarship Ministry Team, which is established by and made up of West Lake Christian Church members. The fund is a perpetual charitable fund created for the purpose of granting scholarships annually to students seeking assistance to further their education and who have fulfilled the scholarship requirements of West Lake Christian Church.

The Caldwell Memorial Scholarship may be used for any legitimate higher education expenses including tuition and books. It may be awarded to returning students. It may be awarded to an applicant for post-graduate training requiring formal academic study. Study may be full or part-time. Awards from this fund may also be made toward continuing education endeavors, such as workshops.

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CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- Be high school graduate or have earned a GED
- Be accepted to a post-secondary educational program
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time during the academic year in a program leading to an associate or bachelor's degree, trade certification or pastoral certification.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Be a resident of Missouri.

All scholarship amounts will be awarded directly to the applicant and must be used to pay for education related expenses such as:

- Tuition
- Textbooks
- Other student fees or equipment required for course completion

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The online application is available on the West Lake Christian Church website (<https://www.westlakechristianchurch.org/>). There is also a link available on WLCC Facebook page. Printed applications are available at the church office.

The following items must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee:

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- Online application completed in full
- Official High School/College/University/Trade School transcript through the first semester of 12th grade for high school seniors, or most recent grade transcript for college students
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, school counselors, employers, or pastors.
- Personal essay, typewritten, no more than 300 words explaining your personal goals and why continuing your education is important to you.
- If you are planning to attend a religious study program, please include in your essay what impact your faith has had on your decision to choose this field of education.
- The application and all supplemental materials must be received by the deadline indicated on the application.

*******Incomplete applications will not be considered. *******

SELECTION PROCESS: The Scholarship Ministry Team will select recipients. The Scholarship Team reserves the right to rescind an award should a recipient's circumstances change, such as failure to graduate from high school or failure to enroll at an accredited institution. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if no applicants are deemed to meet the qualifications.

PAYMENT PROCESS:

Funds will be distributed upon receipt of official verification of enrollment in the institution of higher learning.

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