



THE CHARIS INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Scholarship Application

The Charis Initiative Foundation awards scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000-\$2,500. The number and amount of scholarships awarded each year may vary depending on the number and quality of the applicant pool.

APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Be a graduating senior from either Baker High School in Baker City, Oregon, or St. Helens High School in St. Helens, Oregon.
2. Attend an accredited four-year university starting in the fall following high school graduation. Scholarships will be paid directly to the universities into the recipient's account. **Please note, if the recipient does not attend a four-year university or delays entry into college, the award will be rescinded.**
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher

BACKGROUND:

The Charis Initiative Foundation was established by Brad and Shanda (Bair) Grooms in 2012 as a nonprofit organization designed for the purpose of fulfilling a life-long goal of rewarding deserving graduating high school seniors from their hometowns. Brad Grooms is a 1989 graduate of Baker High School and Shanda (Bair) Grooms is a 1990 graduate of St. Helens High School.

The Grooms would like to acknowledge that the true inspiration behind their scholarship foundation is to honor and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ. Christians are called to serve as responsible stewards for the blessings bestowed upon them by God. "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above ..." (James 1:17) Followers of Christ, should be generous and willing to share whatever resources God has entrusted to them, whether that be their talents, time, or possessions. Of utmost importance, however, the Grooms want each and every person to know that God desires for all people to accept the incredibly gracious gift of eternal salvation that is offered to every person through belief and entrusting faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

CRITERIA:

Recipients shall be selected on the basis of academic achievement, character, leadership ability, financial need, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Only complete applications will be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT:

1. Complete the required information on the attached application form.
2. Submit a copy of your official high school grade transcript.
3. Submit a copy of your high school resume. This should include your major high school/community activities, volunteer service, awards, and work experiences. Indicate any leadership positions and/or special honors/awards.
4. Complete a short essay (1-3 pages) telling us about yourself. (Examples-- Who are you? What is important to you? Who or what has been most influential in your life and why? What significant life events have helped shape you into the person you are/want to become?) Feel free to expand on these suggestions to make this essay your own.
Please be sure to discuss your anticipated career pathway and why you have chosen this career.
5. Submit three letters of recommendation, two from school faculty members and one from a community member.
6. Your completed application form and attachments must be returned to your high school Guidance Center by April 10.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name _____
 First MI Last

Home Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

Graduating High School _____

GPA: _____

SAT Scores: (Math) _____ (Reading/Writing) _____

ACT Scores: (Composite) _____ (Percentile) _____

College you plan to attend in the fall _____

Intended College Major: _____

Intended Career: _____

Have you already been accepted to this school? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____

Mother _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____

Siblings: _____ Ages _____

FINANCIAL NEED:

Expected first year family or Self-Contribution for College Expenses \$ _____

Expected first year tuition, books, fees ONLY \$ _____