



CENTER POINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EVALUATION CRITERIA

Center Point seeks to award scholarships to Center Point students who perform well academically and demonstrate character. If you have participated in any Center Point program or class and are a graduating high school senior, you can apply for a scholarship.

This year, Center Point is sponsoring scholarships up to \$1000 to be used toward college, technical school, or other pre-approved post-secondary venture.

There are three types of scholarships (see below). You may apply to one of the three—or all three—if applicable. Please check the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

CURTIS SEVERSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Curtis Severson Scholarship was established in 1998 by Gainesville native Curt Severson. To qualify for this scholarship, you must have taken at least one education class at Center Point, and must plan to go into ministry, social service, non-profit, outreach, and/or community building during or after your post-secondary education. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- **Completed Application**
Complete and submit the general scholarship application.
- **Strong Academic Performance**
Submit your official high school transcript along with any other measures of academic excellence such as class rank and SAT and/or ACT scores if available.
- **Desire to Contribute to Christian Ministry Essay**
Submit a brief essay (500 words maximum) in which you discuss your understanding of ministry, social service, non-profit, outreach, and/or community building, how you intend on effectively involving yourself in it, and how your post-secondary plans will help you do so.
- **References**
Provide the contact information for at least two (2) references that can attest to your character, accomplishments, and desire to contribute to Christian ministry.
- **Interview**
If selected for consideration, you will be asked to come to Center Point to discuss your application and essay with members of the application review board.

MARGIE BRAFF SERVICE IN ACTION AWARD

The Margie Braff Service in Action Award recognizes outstanding community service on the part of an individual. The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for this scholarship:

- **Completed Application**
Complete and submit the general scholarship application.
- **Strong Academic Performance**
Submit your official high school transcript along with any other measures of academic excellence such as class rank and SAT and/or ACT scores if available.
- **Specific Contributions of Service Essay**
Submit a brief essay (500 words maximum) in which you discuss how you have served others in the past and how you continue to serve others today. Note that we are not interested in the number of activities in which you find yourself involved, but the variety, balance, depth, and overall significance of these activities. In your essay, make sure to discuss your desire to serve others/the community, highlighting how and why you do what you do.
- **References**
Provide the contact information for at least two (2) references that can attest to your character, accomplishments, and service experience.
- **Interview**
If selected for consideration, you will be asked to come to Center Point to discuss your application and essay with members of the application review board.

"ALL ABOUT THE CHANGE" AWARD

The "All About Change" Award recognizes dramatic positive change in the life of a person, whether academically or socially. The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for this scholarship:

- **Completed Application**
Complete and submit the general scholarship application.
- **Dramatic, Positive Change in Life**
Submit documentation of your positive change. Such proof may come from standardized test scores, written statements from school counselors regarding positive change in behavior, etc. The more items (limit four) you can submit to substantiate your dramatic positive life change, the better.
- **Making the Change Essay**
Submit a brief essay (500 words maximum) in which you discuss how you have changed for the better and how Center Point's services have helped you achieve such change. Furthermore, discuss how this change has benefited you and how you plan to continue to honor this change in the future.
- **References**
Provide the contact information for at least two (2) references that can attest to your character, accomplishments, and dramatic, positive change.
- **Interview**
If selected for consideration, you will be asked to come to Center Point to discuss your application and essay with members of the application review board.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Scholarship Photograph**

Submit a photograph with your application. Your photograph will not be given to the application review board and, therefore, will not be used in the application review process for selecting scholarship winners. However, photographs of the scholarship winners will be used to announce the winners after they have been selected.

- **Assignment of Rights & Consent to Publish Scholarship Information**

Sign and submit the Assignment of Rights and Consent to Publish Scholarship Information form included with the application. By signing this form, you give us the right to publish your photograph(s) and basic information regarding your past accomplishments and future plans in the event you are awarded a scholarship.

- **Deadline**

For scholarships for the 2017-18 college or technical school year, all submissions listed above must be postmarked, emailed, or hand-delivered NO LATER THAN February 24, 2017. Scholarships Awardees will be recognized at Center Point Honors Night on March 28, 2017.

- **Questions**

If you have any questions regarding your submission, the criteria, or anything else related to the application process, please email Barbara Hicks, Director of Program Development at barbara.hicks@centerpointga.org.