

Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) Scholarship 2024

Registration opens January 11th and closes March 7th.

The following requirements will serve as guidelines for the disbursing of these scholarships.

- Applicants must complete the online application packet.
- **Applicants must submit a transcript of his/her academic records from high school (seniors) or college.**
- **Applicants must submit a copy of an acceptance letter from or be enrolled in an accredited college or vocational school in the fall.**
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time (12 hours or more) or part-time (6 hours minimum) student.
- Applicants must regularly attend the Church of God and *actively* serving in ministry.
- Applicants must submit Letter of Recommendation from pastor on church letterhead.

Essay topic and Regulations

To apply, applicants must address the following topic:

ESSAY QUESTION: How can I stay true to my faith in Christ, preserving my spirit, while navigating within a world that is full of tempting distractions to my generation?

Address the question above and explain, using Biblical examples and life experiences, ways you can (1) preserve your commitment to Christ and (2) be a light to your generation.

Essay Guidelines

Essay should be six (6) typed pages, **double-spaced**, 12-point Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial Narrow font, numbered pages with one-inch margins. You must cite any/all research/resources to support your essay. Total pages **should not include** the following: (1) the cover page with your name, essay title or (2) the bibliography.

You will write an essay telling the reader your story. You must convey lessons learned, supporting scriptures, quotes, etc. that will speak of your life story. The Scholarship committee will judge essays. The rubric will assess applicant's writing, credibility, persuasiveness, reasoning, and emotional appeal. The essay must reflect the applicant's own research, writing and original thinking. NOTE: The name of your pastor and church should not be included in your essay, however you can refer to him/her as "pastor" and you can also reference "my church" but not the names of either.

Creativity is welcomed. When students apply for college scholarships, they must convince the reader of their qualifications. This is an opportunity for applicants to persuade and tell their story.

To apply

Students should register via the web at <https://www.serfconference.com/> and be prepared to upload all documents mentioned in the checklist. The Scholarship submission period begins on January 11, 2024, at 12:01 AM Eastern Time (“ET”), and ends on March 7, 2024, at 5:00 PM ET. Applicants must upload all required documents by March 7th. A submission that does not include all requirements will be disqualified. Entries submitted after the submission period will not be considered.

Scholarship Sponsor

The Scholarship Sponsor is Dr. Kenneth L. Hill a former president and founder of SERF. Dr. Hill is an advocate for youth and education.

Prizes

- There can be **up to** (3) Grand Prize winners receiving **up to** \$500 (five hundred dollars) to an accredited school approved by the committee.
- The prizes to be awarded to the winner(s) of the Scholarship are nontransferable and, as such, winner(s) may not designate someone else as the winner. If you are unable or unwilling to accept your prize, the Sponsor expressly reserves the right to select a new winner from the other applicants using the judging criteria or the money can/will remain in the Kenneth L Hill Scholarship fund for the following SERF conference year.

Judging and Selection

The Scholarship Committee will judge the essays. All information submitted is confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of the committee.

The scholarships will be awarded based on:

- Applicant’s essay and the **scholarship committee’s grading rubric.**
- Applicant’s current academic performance.
- Applicant’s awareness of his/her future goals, objectives, and ambitions.
- Content of applicant’s essay (format, organization, grammar and emotional appeal).

Notification of Winners

- The winner(s) will be notified by March 18th by the Scholarship Committee.
- If you are selected as a winner of the Scholarship and you do not contact the Sponsor within ten (10) days of the notification, you will forfeit your prize.
- Winners will be recognized during the SERF conference in April.

Documents to upload (checklist)

Completed Registration form (only one entry per person)

Completed essay to include title page and bibliography.

Transcript from current school

Acceptance letter and/or proof of current college enrollment

Letter of Recommendation from pastor

SERF Scholarship Registration Form

<https://forms.gle/gZdVE2rC6241oUeCA>

SERF Scholarship Documents to Upload

- <https://forms.gle/MoXi2BKmj7FniLaP9>