

The Holt-Bowser Scholarship

The Holt-Bowser Scholarship Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit providing financial assistance in the form of scholarships to individuals for educational purposes. It is named in honor of G.P. Holt and G.P. Bowser, two ministers and education pioneers who worked for the advancement of Christian education, which included the founding of Southwestern Christian College. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to stay in school and earn a college degree by helping to defray educational expenses for tuition, fees and course related expenses such as books, supplies and equipment. The Holt-Bowser Scholarship Foundation does not provide financial support in the form of a loan.

Publicity

The Foundation uses several means of advertising its scholarship to interested students and parents, such as contacting high school counselors, placing announcements in community newspapers and larger publications such as *The Christian Chronicle*, and sharing information by word of mouth. Details about the scholarship can be found on the official website of the Holt-Bowser Charity Golf Tournament.

Funding

The size and number of scholarships awarded annually are determined by the amount of money raised at the annual public golf challenge and by agreement among members of the Foundation committee. The minimum goal is to award at least two scholarships per year. Funds remaining after the current year's event will be used to award scholarships for the subsequent year.

Eligibility Requirements

Applications are accepted from high school and college students without regard to race, gender, religious or political affiliation. Applicants must adhere to the stated requirements in order to be considered for the scholarship. Requirements may differ slightly for high school and college students and are listed as follows:

College Students:

- College students applying for the scholarship ***must*** be attending or have plans to attend any Christian-affiliated 2-year or 4-year college or university.
- Current college students applying for the scholarship must show an official transcript of the completion of the immediate previous semester of college. Funds will be released to the student when they present an itemized list of how the funds will be used (Ex: tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, etc.).
- College students who are transitioning between schools must present an official proof of enrollment provided by their institution. This includes students transferring to another school as well as those who have finished junior college and have been admitted to a four-year institution. Funds will not be released until The Foundation has received said verification, along with an itemized list of how the funds will be used (Ex: tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, etc.).
- The scholarship requires the successful completion of a typed scholarly narrative (minimum 1 page/maximum 2 pages) as determined by the Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants must provide evidence having maintained good citizenship and academic standards.
- Partial or incomplete application packages will not be considered.
- There is no renewal of a scholarship. Scholarship recipients cannot apply for the scholarship more than once.

High School Students:

- High school applicants must be classified as a “senior” or newly-graduated at the time of application.
- A high school student’s application for scholarship must include an official school transcript as proof of graduation. Funds will be released to the student when they present an itemized list of how the funds will be used (Ex: tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, etc.).
- The scholarship requires the successful completion of a typed scholarly narrative (minimum 1 page/maximum 2 pages) as determined by the Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants must provide evidence having maintained good citizenship and academic standards.
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Relatives of members of the Selection Committee, Officers, Directors or Substantial Contributors are not eligible for awards made under the Holt-Bowser Scholarship Fund.

Use of Personal Information

The Foundation will initiate and maintain contact with each scholarship winner for one year to provide encouragement and support. Personal information of each scholarship recipient is filed as part of Foundation records and includes name, local and college addresses, phone numbers, amount of scholarship, college attended and whether there is a relationship to donors or members of the committee. Winners of scholarships will be asked to submit a photo, minimum 300 dpi, for use in marketing and golf tournament materials.

Selection Committee

Members on the Selection Committee serve for a period of two calendar years. They are nominated by Foundation volunteers, by participants in the annual golf tournament, and by donors to the scholarship fund. Persons who show a commitment to helping students and have the time to work with students are considered for a place on the Selection Committee. A list of names nominated for the Selection Committee is kept and is used to replace committee members who cannot serve a full term.