



Noel Jones Scholarship Commission

Scholarship Application 2017

February 27, 2017

On behalf of the City of Refuge Ministries, the Deacon Board, and the Noel Jones Scholarship Commission, we would like to thank you for participating in the 2017 scholarship application process.

The City of Refuge has established the Noel Jones Scholarship fund to assist individuals in their pursuit of higher education.

The Commission would like to invite all high school seniors, returning college students, or students who have had a break in their formal education and are entering or re-entering an accredited college or university to apply. All eligible applicants, regardless of race, gender, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, medical condition, or economic status are encouraged to apply for scholarship funds. However, awards will only be made to students attending accredited colleges or universities in the United States.

Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the Commission but will not be less than \$500 each. Awarded scholarship funds will be sent directly to the recipient's school. All past awardees are encouraged to re-apply for up to four (4) years. Recipients must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.50.

The eligibility requirements for scholarship funds are outlined in the attached application. In addition, application forms are available at the City of Refuge Web site: noeljonesministries.org/COR.

Completed applications (all documents listed on the checklist, including required letters of recommendation) must be mailed to the address listed below no later than April 21, 2017. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after April 21, 2017 will not be considered.

If you have questions, please contact the Noel Jones Scholarship Commission at

amgilzene@ca.rr.com

OR

**City of Refuge Ministries, Inc.
Attn: Noel Jones Scholarship Review Committee
14527 S. San Pedro St.
Gardena, CA 90248**



CHECKLIST

- 2017 Completed and Signed Noel Jones Scholarship Checklist
- 2017 Completed Noel Jones Scholarship Application
- Personal Statement – Typed and Double-Spaced
- Essay – Typed and Double-Spaced
- Official Academic Transcript(s) Included/Requested for Delivery by April 21, 2017
- Three Letters of Recommendations with contact information from the person who made the recommendation
- Student Agreement Form (Part 3 of Application, Page 7)

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you do not submit all requested documents by the deadline, your application will not be considered.

For internal use only:

Date Received: _____ Disposition: _____

**Noel Jones Scholarship Commission
2017 Scholarship Requirements**

The applicant must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior, or have obtained a GED, or have graduated from high school and will be embarking on post-secondary education leading to an Associate, Bachelor, or graduate degree at an accredited institution.
2. Be accepted to attend an accredited college or university at least half-time.
3. Submit the attached application, which should be signed by a parent or guardian if the applicant is under 18 years of age.
4. Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 as documented by an academic transcript from his/her high school or college.
5. Submit **both** a personal statement and an essay of between 400 and 500 words typed and double spaced. The essay topics are listed in Part 2 of the attached application.
6. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation, two (2) of which must come from a teacher, guidance counselor, or other school administrator.

All recommendations must be submitted on the form that is provided in this application. Recommendations should be submitted in a sealed envelope along with other application materials, and must be post marked no later than April 21, 2017.

Letters of recommendation may be submitted separately, however all documents required to complete your application must be received or post marked on or before April 21, 2017.

Mail your completed application to the address below no later than April 21, 2017.

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**Noel Jones Scholarship Commission
Scholarship Application
2017–2018 Academic Year**

PART 1

PERSONAL DATA:

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Extracurricular activities/hobbies (attach additional sheet if more space is needed):

Honors received: _____

Educational goals: _____

Community Service: _____

EDUCATION:

To be completed by high school students only:

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Principal: _____ Counselor: _____

To be completed by returning college students and individuals who have had a break in their formal education:

Name of College/University/Trade School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

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PART 2

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ESSAY

Please submit **both** a personal statement and an essay. Each must be 400 to 500 words.

Your personal statement should describe your reason(s) for pursuing postsecondary, post-baccalaureate, or graduate study. Include any additional information concerning your preparation that is pertinent to your specified reason(s). Your essay must be on **one** of the questions listed below.

Both your personal statement and your essay should be typed and double spaced using a 12-pitch font. Both will be reviewed for content, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and clarity of ideas.

Include both the number and the essay question at the beginning of your essay.

Attach **both** your personal statement and essay to this application and be sure your name is clearly stated on each.

Select your essay from one of the following:

- 1. How has social media impacted your life? Give specific examples.**
- 2. Give an example of you serving in a leadership capacity. How did you demonstrate leadership qualities to help you succeed?**

Please be thorough in your essay and provide specific details and examples where necessary.

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PART 3

All applicants must provide the following documentation to complete your application (please attach to your application):

Students entering college for the first time

- Your most recent high school transcript, which must include your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
and
- A copy of your college/university acceptance letter(s)

Students continuing at a college or university

- A copy of your most recent official college transcript

My signature below signifies that I understand and agree to the following:

1. My application and award information may be released to the individual, family, or organization that provides funds for this scholarship or participates in the selection of recipients.
2. If I am selected to receive a scholarship, and my official Grade Point Average (GPA) is less than what I reported in my application, I may become ineligible to receive the award.
3. I will provide verification of my enrollment status.
4. I must remain enrolled at least half-time in order to receive the scholarship award.
5. The Noel Jones Scholarship Commission may use information I provide for publicity purposes.
6. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the College/University on behalf of the Award Recipient.
7. I have complied with all application requirements.

(Please Initial One of the following Responses)

- I AGREE that a press release or listing as a scholarship recipient may be publicized.
- I DO NOT agree that a press release or listing as a scholarship recipient may be publicized.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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PART 4 – Recommendation Form 2017

Applicants for this scholarship are required to submit three letters of recommendation, two of which must come from a teacher, counselor or member of their school. Please make additional copies of this form as needed.

To the Recommender: The completed form and letter must be returned to applicant in a sealed envelope to be submitted along with application materials that must be postmarked by **April 21, 2017:**

To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

I waive my right to see this document after it has been completed. Yes — No —

To Be Completed by the Recommender

Name _____ Job Title _____

Address _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

1. I have known the applicant: Relationship to applicant:
- Less than 1 year _____
 1 to 2 years _____
 More than 2 years _____

2. Rate the applicant's overall leadership ability:
- Top 10% Top 25% Top 50% Unable to Judge
 (Outstanding) (Above Average) (Average)

3. Rate the applicant's overall community involvement:
- Top 10% Top 25% Top 50% Unable to Judge
 (Outstanding) (Above Average) (Average)

4. Rate the applicant on the personal characteristics listed below:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Not Observed
a. Perseverance					
b. Leadership Ability					
c. Ability to Get Along with Others					
d. Independent Thinking					
e. Desire to Obtain a Degree					
f. Other (Please Specify)					

5. Attach a letter that provides at least one specific reason why you feel the applicant should be considered for this award, including any special qualifications or abilities you consider important. Please be clear and concise in your evaluation.

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____