

CALVIN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Common Scholarship Application

**Due March 1, 2024**

*YOU MAY TURN IN A HARD COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION AND ESSAY TO THE OFFICE  
OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO SHARE A DIGITAL COPY WITH MR. VANDER WAL*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

My E.F.C. number is \_\_\_\_\_. (This number is provided through the FAFSA and is required for scholarships having financial need as a factor.)

**C.C.H.S. Scholarships & Related Criteria (The CCHS Scholarship Committee will make decisions for individual scholarships using the information you provide through the application questions and essay):**

1. *Dr. & Mrs. Clarence De Boer Memorial Scholarship (\$500 – 1)*

**Background:** This scholarship was established by the family of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence DeBoer in memory of their love and support of Grandville Calvin Christian Schools. Dr. DeBoer served as board president of both Grandville and Calvin Christian Schools, and his wife Gus worked in the office at Grandville Christian School.

**Requirements:**

- Plan to pursue an education in science or a science-related field.
- Financial need is not a factor.

2. *Christian College Assistance Scholarship (\$1,000 – 1)*

**Background:** This scholarship was established by donors who wish to remain anonymous. The donors were avid supporters of Grandville Calvin Christian Schools for many years both in prayer and financial support.

**Requirements:**

- Plan to attend Calvin, Dordt, Hope, or Trinity Christian College.
- Financial need is a factor - please include EFC.

3. *Casey and Jessie Sterk Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 – 1)*

**Background:** This scholarship was established by Jessie Sterk in memory of her husband Cornelius “Casey” Sterk who passed away in 1987. Jessie passed away in 2014. The Sterks were lifelong supporters of Christian education, and desired to promote Christian education through this scholarship for a graduating Calvin Christian HS student.

**Requirements:**

- Have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0.
- Have been accepted by a degree granting institution.
- Financial need is not a factor.

4. *Christian College Evangelism Scholarship (\$1,000 – 1)*

**Background:** This scholarship was established by Alfred and Lucille Elders; avid supporters of Grandville Calvin Christian Schools with a deep love for Christian education.

**Requirements:**

- Student demonstrates a passion for missions and/or for sharing the gospel.
- Plan to attend a Christian college of reformed philosophy and background. (Preference to be given to students planning to attend Kuyper College.)
- Have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0.
- Financial need is a factor - please include EFC.

5. Melissa Emily Decator Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 – 1)

**Background:** This scholarship is given by friends of Melissa Emily Decator to honor her memory as a willing servant of God and as a student at Calvin Christian High School and Calvin University.

**Requirements:**

- Going to attend Calvin University.
- Endorsed by representatives of the staff as an active participant in student life activities during the high school career.
- GPA must be at least a 3.0.
- Financial need is a secondary consideration.

6. Winkle Family Calvin University Scholarship (\$1,500 - 1)

**Background:** This scholarship was established by the Winkle family in memory of Tom and Rea Winkle, who were lifelong supporters of Christian education, and in honor of Bernie Winkle, who taught 38 years at Calvin Christian High School. It is the desire of the Winkle family to promote Christian education through this scholarship for a graduating Calvin Christian High student.

**Requirements:**

- Going to attend Calvin University.
- Desire to pursue a teaching career at a Christian school.
- Demonstrate a servant heart and strong faith commitment.
- Minimum GPA of 3.5.

7. Kyle Corinne Petrlich Scholarship (\$1,000 - 1)

**Background:** This scholarship was established by Patrick, Amy, Griffin, and Mitchell Petrlich in honor of their daughter and sister, Kyle Corinne Petrlich. Kyle was a 2015 Calvin Christian High graduate, a student in Early Childhood Education at GRCC, and an employee in the childcare program at Grandville Christian School. This scholarship is renewable for 4 years of college based on the renewal requirement below.

**Requirements:**

- Desire to pursue a career in education or a medical field.
- Have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2.
- Have a college minimum G.P.A. of 3.2 at time of renewal.
- Must be on the Michigan Organ & Tissue Donor Registry.

8. Jeff Looman Memorial Scholarship (\$1,200 – 1)

**Background:** This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Jeff Looman, honoring his legacy of faith and living life “out loud”. Mr. Looman taught 5th-12th grade bands at Grandville Calvin Christian Schools (GCCS) for 23 years, and passed away in May of 2013. He was passionate about teaching band, and was an integral part of the GCCS community by building relationships with colleagues and students alike.

**Requirements:**

- Plan to attend a college or university.
- Be active and invested in the GCCS community by being a member of a music ensemble and extra-curricular activities.
- Plan to participate in a music ensemble at their college or university.

- Preference may be given to applicants planning to pursue a degree in the field of music, and for those who participated in a Calvin Christian High School (CCHS) music ensemble for four (4) years.

**FUTURE PLANS (you may indicate that you are undecided)**

1. Name the college/university you plan to attend. \_\_\_\_\_  
I plan to live \_\_\_\_\_ at home \_\_\_\_\_ on campus. (Check one)
2. I am presently considering a career in \_\_\_\_\_  
I expect my major/minor will be \_\_\_\_\_
3. List the leadership positions you have been in during high school. (Examples: class officer, committee chairman, team captain, SLC, NHS, etc.)

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

1. List the school-related extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school. Indicate the number of seasons/semesters/years for each.
2. List the non-school extra-curricular activities you have participated in during high school. Indicate the number of years for each. (Examples: Young Life, Civic Theatre, Youth Symphony, volunteer work (other than service hours required for graduation)).
3. What jobs have you held during high school? How long have you held them?
4. Attach to this application a copy of the financial aid or award notice you have received from the college you plan to attend next year. This is expected for need-based scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you have not received any notice regarding financial aid from this college to date.

ESSAY: Write a one-page essay (typed, double-spaced, and 12 font) that includes the following:

1. Describe why you are considering a specific career and/or what you are looking for in a career in general.
2. Indicate how the gifts and talents God has given you are related to your career search/plans.
3. Explain your perception of opportunity for Christian service/witness in a specific career you are considering or in general.