



**Noel Jones
Scholarship Commission**

Scholarship Application 2011

February 27, 2011

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 2011 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 individuals who are in high school, returning college students, or 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.

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. **Please mail your completed application to the address listed below no later than April 19, 2011.**

If you have any questions please contact the Noel Jones Scholarship Commission at njscholarship@noeljones.org.

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

**Noel Jones Scholarship Commission
Scholarship 2011 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. Completed applications must be delivered or postmarked on or before April 19, 2011.
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 an essay of between 400 and 500 words typed and double spaced on one of the four topics listed in Part 2 of the attached application.
6. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation, two 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 19, 2011.

Please double check your application to ensure that you have provided all of the requirements. An incomplete application will not be accepted. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all required information is received by the City of Refuge office prior to the deadline, no exceptions.

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Scholarship Application
2011 – 2012 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 (____) _____-

School President/Dean: _____

Part 1 (cont'd)

Use this section to provide information on the college or university where you have been accepted (to be completed by all applicants):

Name of College/University: _____

Address: _____

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

What is your major, anticipated major, or area of study? -

Please indicate your grade level for the 2011-2012 academic school year:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Are you a member of the City of Refuge? YES () NO ()

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES () NO ()

If yes, please explain (attach additional sheet if more space is needed):

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: (Must be completed by applicants under the age of 18 or who are being claimed as dependents for tax purposes.)

Please use this section to provide contact information for your parent(s) or legal guardian. All personal information will be kept confidential.

Father's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

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PART 2

ESSAY

Please submit an essay of 400 to 500 words on one of the four topics listed below. It should be typed and double spaced using a 12-pitch font. Essays will be reviewed for content, spelling, punctuation and clarity of ideas.

Include your essay topic at the beginning of your essay.

Attach your essay to this application and be sure your name is clearly noted on each page.

Select your essay from one of the following four topics:

- 1. How have you grown spiritually in the past two years, and how will that help you in your future educational endeavors?**
- 2. What qualities do you possess that will help you succeed, and how will you use your success to help others?**
- 3. Who has had the greatest impact on your life and why? What are the attributes of his or her character that inspired you to write about him or her?**
- 4. How do your educational goals help you to remain relevant in a changing world?**

Please be thorough in your answers and provide specific details and examples when 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: _____

For internal use only:

Date Received: _____ Disposition: _____