Scholarship Overview

The Chris Andersen WomenLead Scholarship

The Chris Andersen WomenLead Scholarship recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits, and civic organizations and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of diverse women of faith to lead change by using their talents to educate, advocate, and activate.

The WomenLead Scholarship was established to provide two educational scholarship awards annually to eligible women candidates of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision, and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply. In 2019, the Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing board of directors renamed its WomenLead Scholarship The Chris Andersen WomenLead Scholarship in recognition of former President, Chris Andersen.
About Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing

The scholarship program is administered by Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing, a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives. Through Thrivent Charitable, giving is customized to each donor’s charitable interests and financial circumstances. Thrivent Charitable is a proven steward of these gifts, earning consistently high ratings from Charity Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, Thrivent Charitable grants over $58 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, please visit thriventcharitable.com.

Questions?
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Eligibility
The scholarship is an award for women seeking degrees that will prepare them to serve in Christian ministry, public service, and/or non-profit leadership. Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria:
1. Enroll or be enrolled in an accredited theological seminary/post-graduate institution or community college/technical school;
2. Be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale;
3. Demonstrate active Christian faith and practice, and/or a personal call to ministry;
4. Exhibit potential in and commitment to being a leader for change;
5. Be involved in civic engagement, social change, and service and demonstrate a history of involvement;
6. Commit to a career in Christian ministry, government agencies, public and private educational institutions, nonprofit, philanthropic, public health, and/or advocacy organizations.

Program Benefits
The scholarship provides:
- Financial support.
- Recognition of outstanding potential as a leader in the faith community for the public good.
- Affirmation of faith, values and ideals.
- Access to a network of women leaders of change.

Through the scholarship women will increase their leadership capacity through their career and/or educational pursuits that will enhance their knowledge and skills and build their networks better equipping them to effectively lead change. Through this learning experience, women are inspired by possibility and pushed to achieve change with and for their communities. The WomenLead scholarship is made possible through a Thrivent Charitable Field of Interest Fund, a collaborative fund made possible by Thrivent Charitable donors and contributions made through the WomenGive Together giving circle.

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Application Overview & Deadline

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an online application available at thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships.

Submission deadline: April 29, 2022

All applications and required documents must be received by Thrivent Charitable no later than April 29, 2022.

*Paper applications are available only by request.

Scholarship Awards

Applicants of the scholarship award will be notified by Thrivent Charitable by July 2022. Scholarship awards are sent directly by Thrivent Charitable to the educational institution where the recipient will attend.

It is intended that this scholarship award provide financial assistance that is not otherwise covered by available resources or other financial aid to the applicant. Funds may be used to defray expenses for tuition, room and board, books, laboratory expenses and/or other related educational expenditures.

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Scholarship Committee established by Thrivent Charitable. We recognize and value the need for diverse leadership in the above sectors and encourage a diverse applicant pool. Women from underrepresented backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
Application Instructions & Requirements

Please read the instructions carefully and ensure that all the required information is received by the deadline. Applicants should complete an online application, providing answers to the questions below. Applicants will also need to submit additional materials to Thrivent Charitable outlined on page 6. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Requirement 1: Applicant Information

Contact information
- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Phone
- Email

Demographic information
- Gender
- Ethnicity

School/degree information
- School name
- GPA
- Major
- Graduation date

Financial aid information

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Submitted statements will be judged on spirit, clarity of thought, grammar, and spelling.

Additional required materials
- Transcript
- Community Service Resume
- Online Recommendation Form

Requirement 2: Short Answer & Text Questions
- How did you hear about the scholarship?
- Have you received a scholarship from Thrivent Charitable? When? Name of scholarship?
- Tell us about why you are uniquely qualified for this award. (300 words)
- What are your educational goals? What type of program/studies do you intend to pursue or are pursuing? What do you hope to do upon completion of your studies? What are your career objectives? (300 words)

Requirement 3: Additional Submitted Materials
*Must be received by or before the deadline of April 29, 2022
- Transcript - Please ensure that Thrivent Charitable receives a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable) showing a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Community Service Resume - A resume including school, church related and community service, honors, awards, leadership and work history in which you have engaged during your high school years. Include number of hours, years and level of leadership and awards for each activity.
- Online Recommendation Form – Please forward the online recommendation form to one individual, who identifies as: a member of your education system (administrator, teacher/professor, guidance counselor) or one from your pastor for their online completion. Only one letter of recommendation will be required for our 2021 scholarship program. Please find the online form here: www.thriventcharitable.com/recommendation

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