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Who We Are

A Church Ministry Committed to Empowering Futures

Abundant Grace Church has been a cornerstone in our community, dedicated to serving and uplifting individuals of all ages. With a profound commitment to youth development, our ministry, led by Pastor James Powell, has a long-standing history of providing impactful services and activities for youth and families.

Our Youth and Family Initiatives

Making a Lasting Impact

Over the years, our ministry has been at the forefront of community initiatives, partnering with organizations to facilitate after-school programs, summer enrichment activities, drug and violence prevention programs, and youth ministry back-to-school services. Additionally, we have been awarding high school graduates for their accomplishments for the past 15 years.

The Covenant Scholarship

A Testament to Commitment

The Covenant Scholarship Foundation is a manifestation of Pastor James Powell's unwavering commitment to youth advancement, both personally and spiritually. It emerged from a desire to see young individuals become contributing citizens in society, equipped with the tools for success.

Mission

The Covenant Scholarship Foundation aims to empower aspiring minds through education, offering financial support and mentorship to eligible students pursuing degrees in the medical or dentistry field.





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Foundation Overview

The Covenant Scholarship Foundation at Abundant Grace Church serves as a beacon of hope for aspiring healthcare professionals, providing financial assistance and support to deserving students pursuing degrees in the medical field. Through our collaboration with local high schools, colleges, and universities, we aim to empower students to achieve academic excellence and make a lasting impact in their communities.

Award Amount Goals and Impact

Abundant Grace Church is dedicated to awarding up to \$10,000 annually through the Covenant Scholarship Foundation. Our goal is to issue one award per year to an eligible high school student enrolling in one of our participating colleges. The award will be disbursed over the course of the student's academic year and will be administered in collaboration with the college's Financial Aid department, in accordance with the scholarship criteria.

The Abundant Grace Church Covenant Scholarship Leadership team will work with the college's financial aid department to ensure scholarship funds are made available to the student each semester or each year based on the student's academic performance. This will ensure seamless administration and support for the recipient's educational pursuits and will allow for the deserving student to receive the necessary financial assistance to excel in their academic endeavors while simplifying the scholarship distribution process for all parties involved.





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Collaboration with Educational Institutions

At Abundant Grace Church Covenant Scholarship Foundation, we are dedicated to identifying and supporting talented students who aspire to pursue degrees in medicine, nursing, and dentistry. To achieve this, we have established partnerships with high schools in Wayne County, NC, including Charles B. Aycock High School, Eastern Wayne High School, Rosewood High School, Southern Wayne High School, Spring Creek High School, and Wayne Early/Middle College High School.

By collaborating closely with high school principals and counselors, we aim to identify motivated individuals who demonstrate a commitment to their academic and professional growth. Together, we will provide guidance, resources, and mentorship to empower these students as they embark on their journey toward higher education.

In addition to our collaboration with local high schools, we establish strong relationships with esteemed colleges and universities offering exceptional programs in the medical and dentistry degree fields. These institutions include the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill), East Carolina University (ECU), Wake Forest University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte), University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC Greensboro), North Carolina State University (NC State), Campbell University, and North Carolina Central University (NCCU). By working closely with these universities, we ensure that our scholarship recipients receive the necessary scholarship resources to excel in their academic pursuits. Through ongoing communication and collaboration, we strive to facilitate seamless financial aid support for our students and foster strong relationships that enhance their educational experiences.





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Application Process and Timeline

Abundant Grace Church conducts its own annual application process for the Covenant Scholarship, aligning submission dates with the college's admittance and financial aid timeline. High school seniors interested in applying must meet specific criteria, including maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5, submitting a compelling essay outlining their aspirations and motivations for pursuing a career in medicine, nursing, or dentistry, and demonstrating outstanding performance and attendance records throughout their senior year. Additionally, candidates undergo a thorough interview conducted by the Covenant Scholarship Leadership team, either virtually or in person, to assess their suitability for the scholarship.

Upon review of the applications, essays, and interviews, the Covenant Scholarship Leadership team collaborates with high school counselors, principals, and parents to select the most deserving candidate. The chosen student will be awarded the scholarship, which will be issued annually before the start of the Fall semester, based on their college performance, including grades, GPA, attendance, and overall performance. This streamlined approach not only simplifies the application process but also ensures deserving candidates receive timely support to pursue their educational goals.

The Covenant Scholarship application and required documents are made available on the Abundant Grace Church's website and copies of these documents also distributed to local high schools.





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The Covenant Scholarship timeline is carefully planned and ensures that the scholarship process proceeds smoothly and efficiently, providing ample opportunity for high school seniors to apply and for our scholarship committee to select deserving candidates. With applications opening in January and closing at the end of March, followed by thorough review and selection processes, we aim to notify chosen candidates and disburse scholarship funds before the start of the Fall semester. This timeline not only allows applicants adequate time to prepare but also ensures that recipients have the support they need to begin their college journey with confidence.

January - Open Application:

The scholarship application is made available for high school seniors to apply.

February to March - Application Period:

The application period is open for approximately 8 weeks.

End of March - Deadline for Applications:

The application acceptance period is closed by the end of March.

April - Submission of Student Records and Review:

High school counselors submit the records of interested students by mid to late April.

Scholarship Leadership Team reviews documents and selects eligible candidates.

Late April - Initial Contact and Interview Process:

Scholarship Leadership Team contacts selected students and parents to notify them that their application is being considered.

Schedules and conducts interviews with selected candidates.

Early May - Notification of Chosen Candidate:

Scholarship team notifies the chosen candidate, their school, and their parents about the scholarship award by early May.

Mid to Late May - Thank You Letters and Notification to College:

Sends out thank you letters to schools, students, and parents.

Notifies the college about the scholarship award issuance.

Late May - Disbursement of Funds:

Send the scholarship funds directly to the college before the end of May.





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Student Application Process

Interested High School students can apply for the Covenant Scholarship through the Abundant Grace Church's website or by receiving a physical scholarship packet from their High School counselor. Information about the Covenant Scholarship's criteria, deadline, and application are included in the scholarship details. The school counselor will notify Abundant Grace Church Scholarship team of applying students. Applications and essays will be reviewed by the Scholarship team, and a decision will be made. The scholarship team will work closely with the High School counselors during the student's application period to ensure all proper documents are in place according to the Scholarship guidelines. During the application period, the Scholarship team will be available to the High School, student and parents to answer any questions or provide guidance regarding the application process.

Follow-Up and Support

Once a recipient is chosen for the Covenant Scholarship, the Leadership team will maintain regular communication with the awarded student, their parents, and the college's financial aid department to provide ongoing support, mentorship, and guidance. This includes monitoring the student's progress, offering spiritual encouragement, and collaborating with the college to ensure the student's success.

The Covenant Scholarship Foundation's initiative to award scholarships to eligible high school students reflects our commitment to nurturing future leaders in the medical, nursing, and dental fields, and providing them with the resources they need to excel in their academic and professional endeavors.





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Scholarship Team and Ongoing Foundation Monitoring

Team Composition

The Covenant Scholarship Leadership team consists of diverse and experienced members, including qualified church board members. Regular meetings are held to review applications and evaluate the effectiveness of the Scholarship Foundation. Our scholarship leadership team is committed to ongoing monitoring providing excellent service delivery and making continuous improvements to better serve our students and community.

Financial Transparency

Tracking and Reporting/Donation Maintenance

Our Scholarship Foundation operates with attention to detail, ensuring that every donation is tracked and maintained by our dedicated team. From the moment a contribution is received, it is logged into our secure system to ensure accuracy and integrity. Our financial procedures adhere to the standards of transparency and accountability, providing our donors with the assurance that their generosity is being handled with the utmost care and respect.

Additionally, we provide regular updates and yearly reports to our donors, offering insight into how their contributions are making a tangible difference in the lives of deserving students. Our donors' support is not just a donation but an investment in the future of aspiring healthcare professionals, and we are committed to ensuring that it is managed responsibly and ethically every step of the way.





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What If the Fundraising Goal Isn't Reached

In the event that our annual fundraising goal is not met, Abundant Grace Church remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting aspiring healthcare professionals through the Covenant Scholarship Foundation. While our primary goal is to raise the necessary funds to fully meet the financial needs of deserving students, we recognize the importance of adaptability and resilience in achieving our mission.

In such instances, we leverage the funds raised to still award a student, ensuring that every contribution, no matter the amount, has a direct and meaningful impact on the educational journey of an aspiring healthcare professional. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors, whose support fuels our efforts to empower students pursuing careers in healthcare.

Each year, our dedicated team works to build relationships with community organizations, individuals, and businesses, seeking collaborations that align with our mission and amplify our impact. Through these collaborative efforts and shared commitments, we strive to bridge the gap between ambition and opportunity, providing vital support to students as they embark on their educational paths. We believe that together we can make a lasting difference in the lives of aspiring students and strengthen our community for generations to come.





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How to Donate

Online: Visit our website www.theabundantgracechurch.com and follow the simple donation process for the Covenant Scholarship Foundation. Our secure online platforms, **Givelify** - a user-friendly online giving resource that facilitates charitable donations and allows individuals to easily give to their chosen causes, and the **National Christian Foundation (NCF)** - a trusted organization that facilitates charitable giving, helping charities connect with donors to make an impact, both ensure that your donation is processed safely and efficiently, providing you with peace of mind as you contribute to helping aspiring healthcare professionals through education.

Whether you choose to make a one-time donation or set up a recurring contribution, our giving systems offer a convenient and user-friendly experience for our donors to support our scholarship Foundation from the comfort of their own homes. Your donation is tax-deductible and will make a meaningful difference in the lives of deserving students, helping them achieve their academic goals and careers.

Online Giving:

Visit our website or simply scan one of the QR codes below to donate.

Donate through Givelify:



Donate through the National Christian Foundation



By Mail: Donations can also be mailed to:

Abundant Grace Church Covenant Scholarship Foundation

P.O. Box 10774

Goldsboro, NC 27532

Your support is greatly appreciated and directly contributes to the success of our Scholarship Foundation. Thank you for your generosity in helping us make a difference in the lives of aspiring young adults.





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Donor Impact

How You Can Make a Difference

Your support goes beyond a donation. We believe that it is an investment in the future of a student who may not have the opportunity elsewhere to achieve their academic goals. By contributing to the Covenant Scholarship, you are directly empowering students to pursue their dreams and make a difference in their communities. We welcome donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations within our community. Whether you choose to donate online, through our secure donation portal, or by participating in fundraising events, your generosity ensures that deserving students have the financial support they need to succeed in their educational endeavors.

Recipient Notification

At Abundant Grace Church, we believe in the importance of keeping our donors informed and involved in the journey of our scholarship recipients. Upon selection, donors will receive personalized notifications introducing them to the deserving students who have been awarded scholarships. This direct connection allows you to witness the impact of your generosity firsthand, as you see how your support is changing lives and shaping futures.

Your Role in the Foundation

As a donor, you are an integral part of the Covenant Scholarship Foundation, and your contributions have a tangible and lasting impact. Your generosity not only provides financial assistance to students but also instills a sense of hope, confidence, and determination in their hearts. By supporting aspiring healthcare professionals, you are helping us support the health and well-being of our communities. We thank you in advance for being a vital part of our mission to transform lives through education.





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You Help Us Make a Difference

We extend our heartfelt gratitude in advance for your generous support and commitment to empowering young adults through education. Your contributions play a vital role in providing financial assistance to deserving students, enabling them to pursue their academic dreams and make a positive impact in the medical field.

Your belief in our mission and dedication to making a difference inspire us every day. With your generosity, we can continue to nurture the next generation of healthcare leaders, equipping them with the tools and resources they need to succeed. Your kindness and generosity truly make a difference in the lives of our scholarship recipients and we are excited about helping them reach their full potential and make meaningful contributions to society.

Again, thank you in advance for your unwavering support and belief in the power of education to transform lives. Together, I believe we are making a lasting impact and shaping a brighter future for aspiring young adults.

With sincere appreciation,

James R. Powell, Pastor & Founder
Abundant Grace Church
Covenant Scholarship Foundation

