

2026 SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Shepherd of the Hills (S.O.T.H.) Scholarship Committee understands the importance of higher education. In order to encourage its pursuit, a \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one or more 2026 qualifying high school seniors (see below for eligibility requirements).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1.** The student must be a **graduating high school senior** (1) who attends Fountain Hills High School, (2) is home-schooled in Fountain Hills, or (3) is a member or attendee of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.
- 2.** The student must be a **regular attender of a Christian church**. Documentation verifying the student's church affiliation must be submitted with his or her application.
- 3.** Plan to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school on a full-time basis. The applicant must provide **confirmation of enrollment** in his/her secondary education.

Note: If awarded, payment of the scholarship(s) will be made directly to the college/university into the student's account.

SCHOLARSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA

A point system based upon the following information will be used to grade all applications. See the second page of this document for detailed information.

- 1.** LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (40 POINTS)
- 2.** ESSAY (30 POINTS)
- 3.** SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT (20 POINTS)
- 4.** COMPLETENESS OF THIS APPLICATION (10 POINTS)

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE is JANUARY 12, 2026. Application must be postmarked and mailed to S.O.T.H. Scholarship Application, P.O. Box 17444, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269, or dropped off at the church office located at 16150 E El Lago Blvd by January 12, 2026.

The FHHS scholarship winner(s) will be announced at the FHHS Awards night and at one of the Sunday morning worship services at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Publication of the winner(s) names will also appear in the Fountain Hills Times.

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Full Name** _____ Phone (____) _____

Mailing Address _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Phone (____) _____

College or university you plan to attend _____

Intended major or area of interest _____

****Please attach a photo of you with your name printed on back.** (This will not be returned.)

ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING THREE TOPICS AND ATTACH YOUR RESPONSES TO THIS APPLICATION (Entries should be typewritten with your name included at the top of each page.)

1. LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE (40 Points)

a. **Honors & Distinctions** – In order of importance to you, list any school, community or organization awards and recognition received during high school years. If you have more than eight, list the eight most important.

b. **Extra-Curricular Activities** – In order of importance to you, list any participation in high school and other activities, along with the number of years involved in each. If you have more than eight, list the eight most important.

c. **Community Service/Work Experience** – In order of importance to you, list any involvement in church activities or community service projects, along with the number of service hours for each. List any work experience with the length of employment at each. If you have more than eight, list the eight most important.

2. ESSAY (30 Points)

Write an essay 500 words or less on the following question:

"How will your chosen field of study contribute to positive change in your community, and how does this scholarship align with your vision?"

3. SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT (20 Points)

Include an official transcript with your application.

4. APPLICATION COMPLETENESS (10 Points)

All requirements listed on the first page of this application have been met. If all of the above instructions are not followed, it may result in disqualification.

Signature _____ Date _____

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☐ Please check here if you agree to have your name and picture released to the media, if you are one of the S.O.T.H. scholarship winners.