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*2012 Moral Courage Scholarship
Scholarship Application Packet*





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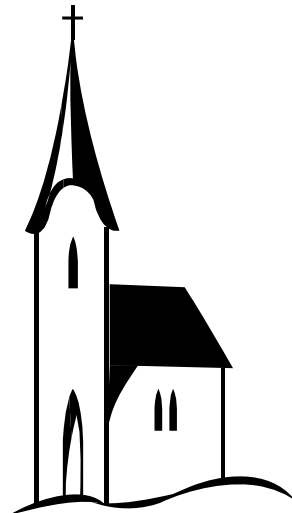
Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2012 Moral Courage Scholarship, a student must be enrolled in the 12th grade during the 2011-2012 school year AND must meet ONE of the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) Be enrolled in the Waxahachie Independent School District, Advantage Academy of Waxahachie, or Waxahachie Preparatory Academy, **OR**
- 2) Be an active member of a sponsoring church, listed below, and be enrolled in a high school in Ellis County, Texas.

Sponsoring churches are those churches that are represented on the Advisory Board of The Moral Courage Foundation by one or more church members. All sponsoring churches are located in Waxahachie, Texas, unless otherwise noted.

- Brown Street Church of Christ
- Central Presbyterian Church
- Creekside Church of Christ (Midlothian)
- First Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church (Dallas)
- First United Methodist Church
- Heritage Baptist Church
- Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ (Dallas)
- Midlothian Bible Church (Midlothian)
- Mountain View Church of Christ (Dallas)
- New Beginnings Community Fellowship (Cedar Hill)
- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- St. Paul Episcopal Church
- The Avenue
- Waxahachie Bible Church





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Basis for Selection of Scholarship Recipients

The **mission** of The Moral Courage Foundation is to inspire young people to live up to the moral standards of the Bible and to encourage young people to courageously promote these moral values in our society.

The Moral Courage Foundation will carry out its mission by providing at least \$25,000 in college scholarships to high school graduates who have demonstrated Moral Courage in their lives as defined below.

1) MORALITY

Morality begins with a respect for God and for His will as expressed in the inspired writings of the Bible. The concept of Morality has its roots in the Ten Commandments and is further developed through the writings of the New Testament.

The Moral Courage Foundation is seeking young people who are committed to the pursuit of Morality in their personal lives. Specifically, we are looking for young people whose lives are characterized by the following traits and behaviors:

- Compassion
- Kindness
- Service to others
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Freedom from addictive behaviors
- Modest behavior
- A demonstrated relationship with God, including active involvement in a local church

For further elaboration on Morality, you are encouraged to consult the following Bible passages:
Exodus 20:1-17, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-23

2) COURAGE

In addition to a personal pursuit of Morality, it is also important to take an active role in promoting Morality at the societal level. The Moral Courage Foundation is seeking young people who are willing to take a public stand for Morality even in the face of opposition, rejection, or persecution.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION 1: Personal Information	
Full Name:	Male Female (circle one)
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Physical Address (if different from mailing address):	
City, State:	
Phone Numbers: Home	Cell
E-mail:	
Do you have a Facebook page? Yes No	Facebook ID:
Birthdate (Month/Day/Year):	
Shirt Size: Men's S M L XL Other (specify) _____ or Women's S M L XL Other (specify) _____	
SECTION 1A: Parents/Guardians	
Parents/Guardians names as to appear in publicity:	
Mailing Address(es) (if different from applicant's):	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone Numbers: Home	Cell
SECTION 1B: Church Membership	
Church you regularly attend:	
Church Mailing Address:	
Church City, State, Zip:	
Church Phone Number(s):	
Preacher: Youth Minister:	
<i>Church membership will be verified to determine applicant's eligibility.</i>	
SECTION 1C: School Enrollment	
School you attend:	
School Mailing Address:	
School City, State, Zip:	
School Phone Number(s):	
Principal:	
<i>School enrollment will be verified to determine applicant's eligibility.</i>	



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INSTRUCTIONS for SECTIONS 2 through 7

- Your answers may be either handwritten or typed.
- Use a separate sheet of paper for each section.
- Do not exceed one page for each section.
- Include a header on each page containing your name, the section number, and the section title.
- For example:
John Doe
Section 2: Spiritual Life

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Tell us about your spiritual journey and your relationship with God. How has this impacted your life and the lives of those around you?

SECTION 3: Church Involvement

Describe in detail your church involvement during your high school years, including the name(s) of the church(es) of which you have been a member during those years. Why has it been important to you to be actively involved in church?

SECTION 4: Community Service

Describe in detail your service to and leadership in your community during your high school years. What motivated you to choose these particular areas of involvement?

SECTION 5: School Participation

Describe in detail your involvement in school organizations and extra-curricular activities during your high school years. What motivated you to choose these particular areas of involvement?

SECTION 6: Future Plans

Where do you plan to further your education after high school? What degree plan or area of study will you pursue and why? What career path do you plan to follow and why? If you should be chosen as the recipient of the Moral Courage Scholarship, how will that affect your plans for the future (education and career)?

SECTION 7: Moral Courage Essay

What does Moral Courage mean to you? How has Moral Courage been important in your life? Cite examples and be as specific as possible. Include information about situations in which you have exhibited Moral Courage by taking a stand for your moral convictions.



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SECTION 8: Character References

List below the requested information for five people who will serve as character references. These should be people who know you well enough to comment on your moral integrity.

IMPORTANT: Accompanying the Scholarship Application Packet are Character Reference Questionnaires. Each Character Reference has its own Questionnaire. In other words, the "Minister or Church Leader" Questionnaire is different from the "High School Teacher or Administrator" Questionnaire. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to provide each Character Reference listed below with the appropriate Questionnaire.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE: Completed Character Reference Questionnaires must be mailed by each Character Reference to The Moral Courage Foundation, P.O. Box 585, Waxahachie, Texas 75168. Questionnaires must be postmarked no later than Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Character Reference #1: Minister or Church Leader

This should be your preacher, youth minister, an elder, or some other recognized leader in your church.

Name:

Church: Title/Position Within Church:

Character Reference #2: High School Teacher or Administrator

This should be one of your high school teachers, a principal or someone who has interacted with you at school.

Name:

School: Title/Position Within School:

Character Reference #3: Community Service Leader

This should be an adult who has supervised you in your community service endeavors or is well acquainted with your community service efforts (but should not be your parent or guardian).

Name:

Organization: Title/Position Within Organization:

Character Reference #4: Another Adult

This can be any other adult (except your parent or guardian) who is not already listed as a Character Reference and who knows you well enough to comment on your moral integrity.

Name:

Relationship to Applicant:

Character Reference #5: A Peer

This should be another teenager who knows you well and with whom you have spent a significant amount of time within social and other settings.

Name:



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APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

Please mail your completed scholarship application, along with the pages on which you have answered the questions in sections 2-7, to the following address. Make sure to include enough postage.

The Moral Courage Foundation
P.O. Box 585
Waxahachie, Texas 75168

Your application must be POSTMARKED no later than Thursday, March 1, 2012.

SIGNATURES

APPLICANT: I, the undersigned scholarship applicant, do hereby submit my name for consideration as the recipient of a 2012 Moral Courage Scholarship awarded by The Moral Courage Foundation. I affirm that all information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I affirm that I have read the Foundation's definitions of Morality and Courage (see information sheet), that I agree with these definitions, and that I am committed to living by these standards. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I understand that the Foundation will expect me to continue to live by these standards as a condition of receiving the benefit of scholarship fund disbursements. I hereby waive my right to review any information submitted to the Foundation as part of the application process by the Character References whose names I have provided.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I, the undersigned parent or guardian of scholarship applicant, do hereby affirm that I have reviewed this completed application, and that all information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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Character Reference Questionnaire

MINISTER OR CHURCH LEADER REFERRAL

Applicant's Name:

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge concerning the above named applicant who has applied for a Moral Courage Scholarship. NOTE: The applicant has waived his or her right to review the information you provide to us in connection with this Character Reference Questionnaire. All information you provide will be kept completely confidential.

Your Name:
Church:
Title/Position Within Church:
Mailing Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone Number(s):
E-mail:

How long have you known the applicant?
On a scale of 1-10, how <i>well</i> do you know the applicant?

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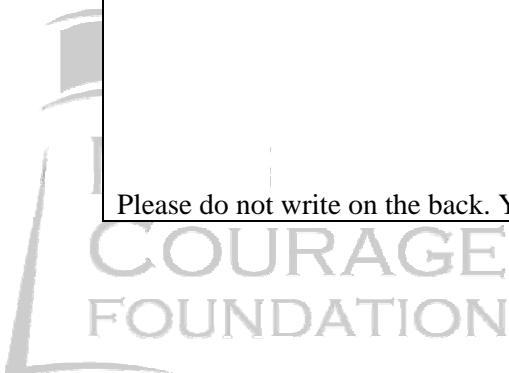
Applicant's Name:

From your personal observations of the applicant, how serious and consistent would you say that he or she is in their commitment to the Lord? Please explain.

Please do not write on the back. You may continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Please give any specific examples from the applicant's life that demonstrate his or her commitment to the above moral precepts, including examples of the applicant's active involvement in your church. Are you aware of any incidents in which the applicant has taken a bold stand for his or her moral convictions?

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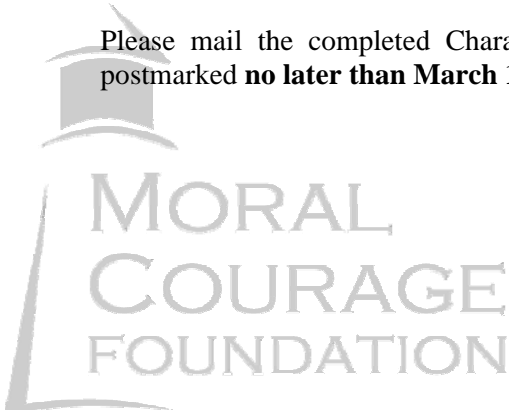
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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR REFERRAL

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Your Name:

School:

Title/Position Within School:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number(s):

E-mail:

How long have you known the applicant?

On a scale of 1-10, how *well* do you know the applicant?

Please list the nature of your school-based interactions with the applicant (e.g. 9th Grade English Teacher, High School Principal, etc.).

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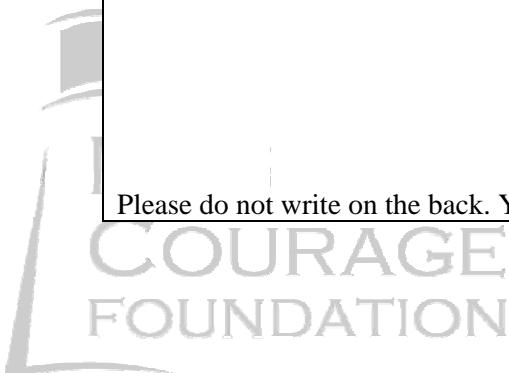
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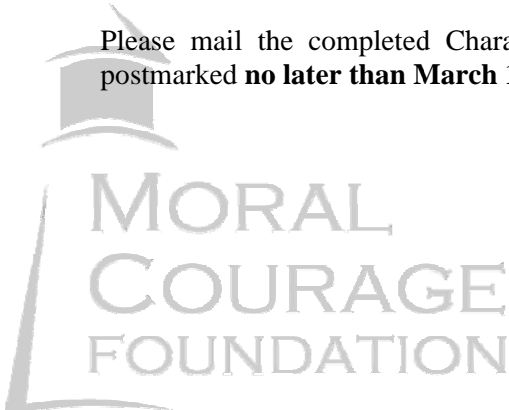
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Your Name:
Community Service Organization:
Title/Position Within Organization:
Mailing Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone Number(s):
E-mail:

How long have you known the applicant?
On a scale of 1-10, how <i>well</i> do you know the applicant?

Please list the applicant's community service endeavors which you have supervised. Please give details of other community services by the applicant of which you have personal knowledge.

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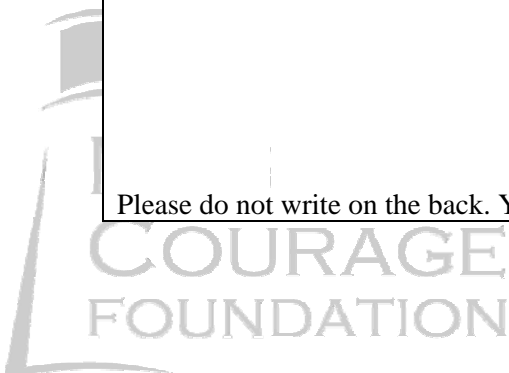
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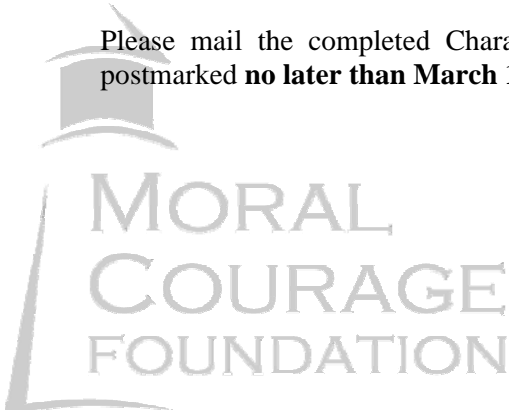
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Your Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number(s):

E-mail:

How long have you known the applicant?

On a scale of 1-10, how *well* do you know the applicant?

Describe your relationship with the applicant.

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