



**COVENANT**  
COLLEGE

**WILBERFORCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

**DEADLINE: December 1, 2010**

Mr./Mrs./Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
County of residence \_\_\_\_\_

**I. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

In order to be considered as a candidate for the **Wilberforce Scholarship**, you must be an incoming **freshman from the Birmingham area (Jefferson and Shelby counties)** and meet the admission requirements of Covenant College. **Your application for admission AND your complete scholarship application must be received by the Admissions Office by December 1, 2010.**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- 1. Application for Admission Form
- 2. Application Fee (\$35.00)
- 3. Personal Testimony
- 4. High School Transcript through junior year
- 5. Official College Transcript (if dual enrolled)
- 6. Official SAT or ACT score
- 7. Academic Reference Form
- 8. Church Reference Form
- 9. FERPA Form
- 10. Optional Admissions Interview (must be complete d by November 15)
- 11. Wilberforce Scholarship Application Form
- 12. Wilberforce Scholarship Essay
- 13. Wilberforce Scholarship Reference Form

Have you received notification of your acceptance to Covenant? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If not, have you submitted all of the materials listed above? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**II. WILBERFORCE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION**

Please ask a teacher or administrator from your high school (**not a parent or relative**) to send a recommendation for you using the form provided. This person should know your academic interests, abilities, and activities in both your school and community. Please give the attached form to your reference, and provide his/her name and contact information below.

**Reference (this should be a different person than the reference on the application for admission):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**III. EXTRACURRICULAR AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES**

Please list your top ten extracurricular, community service, church and family activities. Begin with the most significant one. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instruments played, summer programs you have attended, etc.

Activity	Grade level				Approximate time spent		Positions held or honors won
	9	10	11	12	Hours/wk	Weeks	

In the space below, list other activities that will give the evaluators a more complete idea of your abilities, interests, and activities. **Here is one possible topic; you may think of others: What activities have you initiated and how have you motivated others to participate?**

### III. WILBERFORCE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

William Wilberforce's diary entry on October 28, 1787, at the age of 28 was: "God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the Slave Trade and the reformation of manners." Forty-six years later, on July 26, 1833, just three days before Wilberforce's death, the House of Commons passed the bill for the abolition of slavery.

Wilberforce's remarkable character traits enabled this extraordinary accomplishment and are qualities<sup>1</sup> worthy of a Wilberforce Scholar.

- Wilberforce's whole life was animated by a deeply held, personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- Wilberforce had a deep sense of calling that grew into the conviction that he was to exercise his spiritual purpose in the realm of his secular responsibility.
- Wilberforce was committed to the strategic importance of a band of like-minded friends, known as the Clapham Sect, devoted to working together in chosen ventures.
- Wilberforce believed deeply in the power of ideas and moral beliefs to change culture through a campaign of sustained public persuasion.
- Wilberforce willingly paid a steep cost for his courageous public stands and was remarkably persistent in pursuing his life task.
- Wilberforce's labors and faith were grounded in a genuine humanity rather than a blind fanaticism.
- Wilberforce forged strategic partnerships for the common good irrespective of differences over methods, ideology, or religious belief.

**Required Essay Question:** *In an essay of two to four pages, identify a current cultural moral standard, how the cultural standard leads to impoverishment, oppression or injustice and how you would seek to reform the culture through your chosen calling.*

### IV. READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

The selection of the Wilberforce Scholarship recipient is based on commitment to Christ, demonstrated leadership, character and extracurricular activities.

***If you are selected as a finalist, you will be invited and expected to attend a hometown interview (January 10-21, 2011) as well as Scholarship Weekend (January 27-29, 2011).***

You must be accepted for admission before you can be awarded a scholarship. If you would like to be considered for additional financial aid, you will need to submit a separate Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).

"I am applying for the **Birmingham Wilberforce Scholarship**. I understand that the Wilberforce Scholars Committee may look at and consider any and all materials submitted to Covenant College in support of my application for this scholarship or for admission to the College."

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please return this application by December 1, 2010 (received in office not postmarked) to:  
Covenant College, Admissions Office, 14049 Scenic Hwy., Lookout Mountain, GA 30750  
FAX: 706.820.0893**

<sup>1</sup>*Character Counts: Leadership Qualities in Washington, Wilberforce, Lincoln, and Solzhenitsyn*, ed. by Os Guinness (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1999): 67-90. "A Life of Significance," by J. Douglas Holladay, 67-76. "A Man Who Changed His Times," by John Pollock, 77-90.



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## WILBERFORCE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

**This form should be completed by a teacher, administrator, or employer. It should not be completed by a parent or a relative, nor should it be completed by the same person you have listed for the Admissions references. It must be received by the Covenant College Admissions office no later than December 1, 2010.**

*TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:*

"I voluntarily waive my right of access to this recommendation under Public Law 93-380 so that it may be kept confidential." (If no waiver is signed, Public Law 93-380 permits the student to inspect this recommendation.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

*TO BE COMPLETED BY A TEACHER OR OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIAL:*

**Purpose** William Wilberforce was a 19<sup>th</sup> century English parliamentarian, whose radical conversion, strength in Christ, and decades long perseverance enabled a coalition that eventually broke the back of the gruesome slave trade and led to the abolition of slavery. The Wilberforce Scholarship is a program designed to recognize, encourage, and prepare students who have demonstrated initiative and persuasive leadership in issues of biblical justice, especially for the poor and oppressed. The goal is to combine a rigorous biblically based education with a practical mentoring and internship emphasis.

Listed on the second page of this form are some qualities which are often regarded as marks of leaders or potential leaders; there is also space to add your own criteria if you wish to do so. Please rank the student for each item and add comments on what you perceive as the student's two strongest and two weakest areas. Please provide any other specific information you wish regarding the applicant's character, academic interests, abilities, service, and leadership in your school and community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

*Please return this reference to:*

Wilberforce Scholarship Committee  
Covenant College Admissions Office  
14049 Scenic Highway  
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750

**Deadline: December 1, 2010**  
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Phone: 888.451.2683  
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