



## COVENANT COLLEGE

### DR. CHARLES DONALDSON MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

##### To be considered for any of the Science Scholarships you must:

1. Be accepted for admission to Covenant College by submitting all admissions materials to the college in a timely manner so that Covenant will receive them by the December 1, 2010 deadline.
2. Ensure that we receive your completed Science Scholarship application materials including a completed recommendation form from a high school science/math teacher by December 1, 2010.
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 **and** a minimum ACT of 26 **or** SAT of 1200 (considering critical reading and math only).

**The Dr. Charles Donaldson Memorial Science Scholarship** was established in 2004 to honor Dr. Charles Donaldson who taught math and science at Covenant College for more than 30 years. This \$11,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an incoming freshman who declares a major in biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. The scholarship is renewable for three years as long as the student remains in one of the science majors and maintains a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants should be able to demonstrate excellent abilities in the natural sciences and must be interested in pursuing a greater understanding of the relationship between the Christian faith and modern science. Merit will be the only consideration in making the selection for the Donaldson Scholarship.

In addition to the Dr. Charles Donaldson Memorial Science Scholarship, other merit and financial-need-based award packages may be awarded to a student majoring in either **Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics**. The scholarship package amount will range from \$4,000 to \$9,500 and will be determined based on the recipient's merit as determined by the Science Selection Committee and financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

If you are chosen for the final round of competition for the Donaldson Scholarship, you will be invited and expected to come to campus during our Scholarship Weekend (January 27 – 29, 2011). *There is an alternate process for overseas applicants.* Final selection of all of the scholarship recipients will be made on the basis of the on-campus interviews and all other application materials.

#### TWO IMPORTANT FINAL NOTES:

- 1) **Remember that you must be accepted for admission by Covenant College before your Donaldson Memorial Science Scholarship application can be considered.**
- 2) **If you want to be considered for other financial aid, you will need to submit a separate Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact the Financial Aid Office at 706.419.1126 for further details or go to [www.covenant.edu/finaid](http://www.covenant.edu/finaid).**



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**DR. CHARLES DONALDSON MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**I. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Mr./Mrs./Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**II. SCIENCE RELATED INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

A) Circle the science major you are most likely interested in pursuing at Covenant College. \*

Biology      Chemistry      Mathematics      Physics

B) On a separate sheet of paper, list the three most interesting/enjoyable science and/or math courses you have taken in high school and make a few comments as to why each course is on your “Top 3” list.

C) On a separate sheet of paper, list and briefly describe special interests, activities and accomplishments that you would like the selection committee to consider.

*\* Note: Anyone who is ready to declare any of the four majors listed: biology, chemistry, physics or math is eligible regardless of what they intend to do with the major (pre-med for example is not a major). Those that declare their intent to do pre-engineering dual degree, nursing dual degree, or nursing transfer programs—not one of the four listed majors— would not be eligible.*

**III. SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**

Write a concise essay (a maximum of 3 double-spaced pages) in which you address the following questions:

In general terms, how do you think your area of interest should be approached from a Christian perspective? What activities, issues or questions in your proposed area of study should be of special interest or concern to Christians?

**IV. READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:**

“I understand that the Scholarship selection 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.”

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**Applicant’s Signature**

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

*Please return this application form with section II and III responses attached to:*

Donaldson Selection Committee Covenant College Admissions Office 14049 Scenic Highway Lookout Mountain, GA 30750-4164	<b>Deadline: December 1, 2010</b> (on campus—not just postmarked) Phone: 888.451.2683 Fax: 706.820.0893
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**DR. CHARLES DONALDSON MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP  
SCIENCE/MATH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:**

Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Full Legal Name*

Please fill out the information below concerning **the science/math teacher you are asking to provide the recommendation. This should not be the person listed as a reference on your application for admission.**

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Course(s) taught \_\_\_\_\_

"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.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

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

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDING TEACHER:**

Thank you for your help in identifying students who are strong candidates for the Dr. Charles Donaldson Science Scholarship or one of our other science scholarships. These scholarships are awarded annually to students who declare majors in biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. Applicants should be able to demonstrate excellent abilities in the natural sciences and must be interested in pursuing a greater understanding of the relationship between the Christian Faith and modern science.

On the following page, please provide ratings and comments to give the selection committee insight into the applicant's potential for continued development in the sciences. Please provide any other specific information you wish on the applicant's character and on his or her other academic interests and abilities. Your evaluation will become part of this student's application for any of the science scholarships at Covenant College. The deadline for all parts of the application to reach Covenant College is December 1, 2010.

Recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*Student's Name* *Recommender's Name*

**I. Please rate the applicant in the following areas, comparing the applicant with his or her high school peers.** Please use the following 4 point rating scale: **1**, below average; **2**, average; **3**, above average; **4** top 10%; Please enter **NB** if you have no basis for making a judgment in a particular area.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Written communication skills
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Oral communication skills
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Listening skills/“Teachability”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative/arithmetical skills
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Laboratory skills
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical skills
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Attention to detail
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Curiosity
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to grasp “the big picture”
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Ability to work well in groups
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Creativity in thinking
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Self motivation in learning

**II. Please comment on the applicant’s specific accomplishments in science or math and your assessment of his or her potential for advanced study.** (Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed):

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Signature

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Position

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Date

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Telephone

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E-mail

*Please return directly to:*  
Donaldson Selection Committee  
Covenant College Admissions Office  
14049 Scenic Highway  
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750

Phone: 888.451.2683  
Fax: 706.820.0893

**Deadline for receiving scholarship application materials: December 1, 2010**