COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2015

Name

Address

City____________________ State__________ Zip________________

Telephone_________________ Cell_________________ Email_________________

High School________________ Graduation Date_________________

The Community Development major at Covenant College will award one merit-based scholarship valued at $13,000 to one first-time, degree-seeking student* who desires to major in Community Development. It can be renewed for three years as long as the student remains in the major and maintains a 3.0 grade point average. Other finalists may qualify for scholarships up to $11,000.

* See covenant.edu/scholarships for an explanation of who qualifies as a first-time, degree-seeking student.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for a Community Development Scholarship you must:

1. Ensure that we receive your completed Scholarship Application form by December 1, 2015 including the two completed recommendation forms. One of the recommendation forms should come from your pastor and one should be completed by a high school teacher who has taught you one of the following subjects: English, math, social studies, foreign language, or science—courses in art, music, PE, shop, etc. will not be acceptable. Since recommendations are submitted directly to Covenant College, we suggest that you contact your pastor and teacher by November 20, 2015 to remind them to submit your recommendation by the deadline.

2. Be accepted for admission to Covenant College. By submitting all admission materials to the college with or before the submission of your scholarship application (due by December 1, 2015), you will ensure that your application for this scholarship will be evaluated.

3. Have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.4 and the following standardized test scores:
   a. SAT score of 1200 (considering critical reading and math only) or
   b. ACT composite score of at least 25.

4. Attend the Scholarship Weekend at the college January 28-30, 2016, if you are invited as a finalist for this scholarship. During the Scholarship Weekend you will be interviewed by Community Development faculty members in order to complete your scholarship application process. Attendance at the Scholarship Weekend is mandatory. Note: There is an alternate process for overseas applicants.

I. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ABILITIES AND INTERESTS
The community development major combines a liberal arts education with the theory and practice of community development among the poor from a biblical foundation.

A) As best you can at this point, **check the one region** of the world listed below in which you are currently most interested in working as it relates to community development:

- [ ] Sub-Saharan Africa
- [ ] United States – Urban
- [ ] Arabic-Speaking World
- [ ] Asia
- [ ] United States – Rural
- [ ] Undecided
- [ ] Latin America
- [ ] Transitional Countries of Central/Eastern Europe

B) Describe your abilities, qualities, gifts, and attitudes that would contribute to your success as a community development worker.

C) List your extracurricular activities, community service, and ministry experience, particularly those that relate to community development. Be sure to include any events, accomplishments, honors, and leadership roles/responsibilities.
II. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY
Mark clearly with “Community Development Essay” and your full name.

Write a concise essay (maximum of 2 pages, double-spaced) addressing why you want to study community development at Covenant College. Include in your response how you would define poverty, the causes of poverty, and how this major could prepare you to address poverty issues and work with poor communities.

III. READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING

“I am applying for the Community Development Scholarship at Covenant College. 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

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP
PASTOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2015

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Recommendation for ________________________________________________

Applicant’s Full Name

“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 applicant to inspect this recommendation.)

Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date ____________

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDING PASTOR

Pastor’s Name __________________________ Church __________________________

Position/Title __________________________

Church Address __________________________

City __________________________ State ____________ Zip ____________

Telephone __________________________ Email __________________________

Thank you for your help in identifying students who are strong candidates for the Community Development Scholarship at Covenant College. The Community Development major at Covenant prepares students to be agents of transformation in low-income communities in the U.S. or other countries. The major is highly interdisciplinary, drawing on courses in history, Bible and missions, economics, sociology, statistics, business, psychology, education, and community development theory and practice. Between students’ junior and senior years, they are required to undertake an intense, three to six month research internship in which they will live and work amongst the poor under the auspices of a host organization. Students have undertaken their internships in such varied places as Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, Brazil, Guatemala, Mongolia, Philippines, Senegal, Congo, Burkina Faso, Dominican Republic, Morocco, Rwanda, India, Thailand and Uganda.
Upon graduation, students have obtained jobs with Christian ministries, mission organizations, schools, relief and development agencies, non-profits, and government agencies. Some have pursued graduate study.

There are many different ways to be involved in community development, so there is not a single set of skills that make one “successful” in this field. However, there are some attributes and personality traits that are helpful, the most important one being a deep commitment to Jesus Christ and a servant-like and humble attitude.

Please provide comments to give the selection committee insight into the applicant’s potential for being a successful community development worker. Your evaluation will become part of this student’s application for a Community Development Scholarship at Covenant College. **The deadline for the College to receive this recommendation from you is December 1, 2015.**

A) Describe the length and the nature of the applicant’s involvement in your church.

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B) Comment on the applicant’s spiritual maturity.

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C) Does the applicant have the abilities, qualities, gifts, and attitudes that would contribute to his or her success as a community development worker? Why or why not? Why should this applicant be strongly considered to receive the scholarship?

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**Pastor’s Signature**

**Date**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO**

Community Development Scholarship Committee
Covenant College Admissions Office
14049 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750-4164

Deadline: December 1, 2015
(received in our office—not just postmarked)
Phone: 888.451.2683
Fax: 706.820.0893
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2015

Note: This reference is to be completed by a teacher who has had the applicant in one of the following types of classes: **English, Math, Social Studies, Foreign Language, or Science.**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Recommendation for _____________________________________________

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**Applicant’s Full Name**

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**Applicant’s Signature** _______________________ **Date** ____________

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDING TEACHER

Teacher’s Name_________________________________________ School________________________

Position/Courses Taught____________________________________

School Address____________________________________________

City_________________ State_________ Zip________

Telephone_________________________ Email________________________

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Recommendation for __________________________ by __________________________

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A) Describe the length and the extent of your contact with the applicant, both inside the classroom and with extracurricular activities.

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B) 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.

_______ Written communication skills
_______ Oral communication skills
_______ Listening skills/“teachability”
_______ Quantitative/mathematical skills
_______ Analytical skills
_______ Attention to detail
_______ Curiosity
_______ Ability to grasp the big picture
_______ Ability to work well in groups

_______ Creativity in thinking
_______ Self-motivation in learning
_______ Ability to get along well with peers
_______ Ability to get along well with superiors
_______ Ability to relate well to people who are from different cultures or socio-economic backgrounds
_______ Ability to adapt cross-culturally
_______ Heart of compassion

C) Does the applicant have the abilities, qualities, gifts, and attitudes that would contribute to his or her success as a Community Development major? Why or why not? Why should this applicant be strongly considered to receive the scholarship?

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Teacher’s Signature

Date

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