



3rd Annual

Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship Fund

Equip, Inspire, and Empower the People of God for Kingdom Living

Application Package

*My people are
destroyed
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knowledge:...*

Moses 4:6 NKJV



The Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship Fund is dedicated in loving memory of the late Elder Chad Rivas, Sr., who was one of the founding members of New Vision Christian Church. This scholarship will be funded and awarded to give “all glory to God,” by assisting a selected individual in their pursuit of higher education or training.

The Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship (ECRSS) was created in-memoriam to support the beliefs and ideals Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. held regarding the importance of higher education, his unyielding love of God, and passion for Jesus Christ. The ECRSS supports Elder Chad’s personal belief, rooted in Hosea 4:6 (NKJV), “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” The ECRSS provides financial, moral, and spiritual support to a student who desires to seek higher education or training.

New Vision Christian Church was founded to restore the image of God in the hearts and minds of His children, by equipping, inspiring, and empowering God’s people for Kingdom living. The ECRSS equips students by providing financial assistance towards the material tools necessary for advance education. The ECRSS inspires students by emphasizing and reinforcing the Christian values, morals, and ideals of Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Further, the ECRSS empowers students by demonstrating the reward of hard work, tenacity, and focus. The ECRSS helps develop Christian character and builds a student’s confidence.

Through the ECRSS, New Vision Christian Church realizes its mission by recognizing outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, community service, and the pursuit of higher education through presentation of annual scholarship awards. As an ancillary benefit, ECRSS motivates New Vision Christian Church members to work hard.

The scholarship will be awarded to a New Vision Christian Church member who desires advance education at a technical school, accredited on-line degree program, or an accredited, traditional four-year institution of higher learning. The recipient awarded the ECRSS is eligible to receive a one-time award up to \$1000.

In the year of Balance, we look forward to receiving applications from all NVCC students balancing their lives to effectively pursue a higher education. Congratulations and best wishes to all who devote time to: worship and the study of God’s word (faith), give of themselves to family (family), dedicate energy and time to extracurricular activities and exercise (fitness), and diligently pursue economic growth and stability (finance).

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Who is eligible to apply for the Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship?

- Individuals who have been active members of New Vision Christian Church for a minimum of one full year at the time of application.
- Active members who have been involved in any NVCC ministry for one full year. (Examples of NVCC ministries: choir, ambassadors, greeters, praise team, parking, HELPS, outreach, COOL KIDS, etc.).
- NVCC widows/widowers, single parents and other members who have been accepted for admission to a technical school, an online accredited degree program, an accredited/certified vocational training institution, or an accredited four-year institution.
- NVCC members who fully complete and meet the requirements of the application process.

Who selects the scholarships recipients?

Mrs. Patricia Rivas appoints a scholarship review panel of active members of the church. To the extent possible, the panel will consist of one elder or minister, one educator, one recent college graduate or student (junior or senior), and two others (NVCC members or non-members).

What are the selection criteria?

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based upon thoroughness, quality and scope of:

- NVCC Ministry participation
- Community service
- Narrative responses to focus question and essay
- Depth of recommendations

When is the completed application due and to whom?

The completed application package (application form, essay, and all attachments) is due no later by 12:00 p.m. (NOON), **Sunday, May 27, 2018**. Application packets must be submitted or mailed to New Vision Christian Church, Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship Fund, 5300 Frontage Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

How is the Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship funded?

The ECRSS is funded solely through the contributions from New Vision Christian Church (NVCC) members and friends. Contributions are made in the following categories:

- ECRSS Supporter – any amount contributed on a one-time basis
- ECRSS Soldier – set amount contributed on a monthly/quarterly payment schedule, for a set time
- ECRSS Warrior – amount contributed on an annual pledge of \$500 or more
- ECRSS Angel – amount contributed annually above \$300 over the life of the contributor

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Scholarship Application

Instructions:

The entire application must be completed, typed or printed using blue or black ink. Requested documentation must be provided and attached as directed. The completed application package must be submitted by the date and time specified at the end of the application questionnaire.

SECTION I

Applicant Identification:

_____,
Last Name

First Name

Middle Name or Initial

Street Address

Apt/Lot

City

State

ZIP Code

(____) _____
Home Phone

(____) _____
Cell or Alternate Phone

ATTACH
WALLET SIZE
HEADSHOT/PORTRAIT
(2.5" x 3.5")

FOR NVCC OFFICIAL USE, ONLY

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SECTION II

Detailed Information:

1. How long have you been a *member* of New Vision Christian Church? _____
2. In what church ministries and/or activities have you been an active participant? *
List ministries or activities from the most recent to the oldest. Attach additional pages as needed.

Active NVCC Ministry Name or Activity Description	Participation Date
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	

*Verification of participation by letter from each ministry leader listed above must be attached to application.

3. List the names and locations of the acceptable institutions that have accepted you for admission within the next six months. Provide a copy of the acceptance letter, on official letterhead, for each institution listed. *See description of acceptable institutions on page 2. Attach additional pages as needed.*

1 Institution: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP Code: _____

2 Institution: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP Code: _____

3 Institution: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP Code: _____

4 Institution: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP Code: _____

4. Provide the name, address and entry date of the institution you plan to attend.

Name of Institution

City State ZIP Date

List the community organizations/activities in which you are a member or have participated. Attach statements from the organization(s) on their official letterhead detailing the amount of hours you've rendered service with that organization or activity.

Community Organizations/Activities	Hours of Service

SECTION III

Focus Question:

Provide a brief narrative response, maximum 500 words, to ONE (1) of the following four questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. What is your understanding of the meaning of the vision and mission of NVCC?*
- 2. What is Kingdom living and how have you demonstrated Kingdom living?*
- 3. What do you hope to accomplish through your higher education?*
- 4. Why do you believe you are the best candidate for this award?*

The Essay:

Please attach a one-page, double-spaced, typewritten essay expressing how this scholarship will be beneficial to you towards obtaining your degree. In your essay, include your career goals and specific contributions you plan to make to the community and church after completing your degree.

The essay must be submitted with the application. Essays will be evaluated according to these categories: usage and mechanics, clarity and coherence, adherence to theme, and inclusion of adequate details.

Use the sample essay format provided in this application package. Ensure your name is properly recorded on the essay.

SECTION IV

Verification and Consent:

If you receive an award, the scholarship check will be made payable directly to the training institution identified in Section II, #4. INITIALS_____

The ECRSS fund is a one-time scholarship award. Delayed entry into the specified training institution may forfeit the scholarship. Additionally, failure to complete the course of study after receipt of the ECRSS may result in cause for refund of all scholarship funds disbursed. INITIALS_____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Application Deadline: Sunday, May 27, 2018

No later than 12:00 p.m. (NOON)

Church Administrative Office

Award Presentation: Sunday, June 10, 2018

10:00 a.m. (Recognition Service)

**NEW VISION CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.
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Recommendation Form

(Additional copies of this form will be provided upon request.)

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Respondent _____ Position _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Are you a relative of the applicant? Yes No

If applicable, what is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Please provide candid statements about the applicant's abilities, activities and character, as you know them to be, personally.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please forward this form no later than **SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018 to:**



**Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship Fund
5300 Frontage Road
Forest Park, Georgia 30297**

Student Name
New Vision Christian Church
Scholarship Essay
15 February 2012

Your essay should be written on the benefits of receiving a scholarship from New Vision Christian Church. This is a MLA format sample paper. Please do not use any of its contents.

One important step in career planning is to define your career goals. Whatever your present plans for employment or further education, you should consider your long-term career goals. You might wonder why someone who is considering a first job should be thinking beyond that job. Thinking ahead may help you choose a first job that is closely related to long-term interests. . . . With a career goal in mind, you can evaluate beginning job offers in relation to that goal. (Oliverio, Pasewark, and White 528)

Another useful step in career planning is to develop a personal profile of your skills, interests, and values. An analysis of your skills is likely to reveal that you have many different kinds:

(1) functional skills that determine how well you manage time, communicate, and motivate people;

(2) *adaptive skills that determine your efficiency, flexibility, reliability, and enthusiasm; and*

(3) technical skills such as keyboarding, computer, and language skills that are required for many jobs.

Values are “principles that guide a person’s life” (Fulton-Calkins and Stulz 543), and you should identify *them early so that you can pursue a career that will improve your chances to* acquire them. Values include the importance you place on family, security, and independence.

Works Cited

Fulton-Calkins, Patsy and Karin M. Stulz. *Procedures & Theory for Administrative Professionals*. 5th ed. Cincinnati: South-Western, 2004.

Oliverio, Mary Ellen, William R. Pasewark, and Bonnie R. White. *The Office Procedures and Technology*. 4th ed. Cincinnati: South-Western, 2003.

You may print scholarship application packets *with instructions and forms* via www.nvcc3.org.

Applicant Checklist

Thank you for applying for the Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship offered by New Vision Christian Church. Please, hand deliver (in a sealed envelope), by placing in the NVCC's Scholarship Ministry mailbox in the church office or mail the completed application package to New Vision Christian Church, Elder Chad Rivas, Sr. Scholarship Fund, 5300 Frontage Road, Forest Park, GA 30297.

Check off all items below to ensure all required documents are submitted.

- _____ Scholarship application with all sections completed
- _____ Letter(s) of verification of church ministry/activities
- _____ Copy of acceptance letters from a secondary institution
- _____ Response to focus question
- _____ Typed Essay
- _____ Letter of verification of community involvement, on community organization letterhead; and
- _____ Recommendation Form

I have submitted all required materials above as part of my scholarship application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Include this form with your application packet.