



2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TO BE CAREFULLY READ, COPIED AND RETAINED BY PROSPECTIVE STUDENT AND CHURCH LEADER.
Before submitting any application, please go to the website at www.eafc.net to review whether or not there have been any changes to the application that you currently hold, or whether there are any other changes pertinent to this program

EAFCC is a Christian, non-profit ministry whose mission is to equip men and women for Christian ministry and leadership within the African continent through a partnership-based educational scholarship program. EAFCC grants annual scholarships to sponsor students who are willing to commit to an accountability-based relationship with a local church partner for the duration of the scholarship period. The student and the partnering church identify and agree upon specific, quantifiable, mutually-shared goals. Both parties enter into a covenant partnership to provide mutual support for one another in accomplishing these shared goals.

- **Student benefit:** opportunity to receive mentoring, and exercise vocational and spiritual gifts through assigned projects for ministry and service
- **Church benefit:** opportunity to strengthen its leadership role by providing sacrificial level of pastoral support, accountability, and mentoring support for the student; demonstrating a true and vested interest in the student's life
- **African benefit:** opportunity to reap societal benefits from strengthened, trained, and educated Christian leaders; to the benefit of man and the glory of God.

It is recommended that each prospective student, together with his/her prospective church partner, carefully review all of the qualifying criteria, terms, and conditions contained in this application packet. After doing so, please determine whether the EAFCC scholarship program is right for you.

Thank you for considering our program. We look forward to receiving your application packet. May God richly bless you through the abundant riches of our Lord Jesus Christ..

Please note: pages 1 through 5 are not to be submitted with the rest of the application.

*Members of the Board and Staff
Educating Africans for Christ*

2010 PROGRAM APPLICATION CRITERIA, TERMS & CONDITIONS

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STUDENT QUALIFYING CRITERIA:

- Born again, evangelical Christian
- Called into a full-time ministry, or professional vocation requiring formal theological or academic training beyond secondary level. This training is to take place in Africa.
- Committed to serving the people of Africa to advance the Kingdom of God
- Committed to partnering with a local church for the duration of formal education (includes distance learning programs)
- Recommended and commended by a church or ministry based in Africa
- Must submit a complete application packet, including all required information, identification photo, letters, essays, and required signatures
- To apply does not mean that one is accepted
- Both church and student must have access to reliable e-mail for communication and reporting, no exceptions. (If church does not have email access, the church can use an elder, deacon or other leaders, but EAFC must be able to contact church.)
- Communication is essential – Please add admin@eafc.net, exec@eafc.net and africaoffice@eafc.net, to your address book to prevent blocking

Progress Reports:

Progress reports provide a means of accountability for spiritual and academic growth, and serve to encourage and motivate the student to do his/her best work each term. A brief report of student progress must be submitted to the EAFC, Africa Office (africaoffice@eafc.net) Copy (admin@eafc.net) at least once each term. This is essential for consideration of renewing one's scholarship.

The reports should include the following information:

- How often do you meet with your mentor and what do you learn from your mentor?
- What is the nature of your service ministry?
- What are you learning in class that excites you?
- How are you spending time during term breaks?
- How are you doing spiritually?

A copy of grades must be sent to africaoffice@eafc.net at the end of each term, and if unavailable, an explanation of the delay must be presented at the end of the term.

Documentation from Educational Institutions:

- Official letter of acceptance from your educational institution that is managed by African leadership
- Copy of most recent grade report for all currently enrolled students
- Full academic acceptance is required.

CHURCH PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES, CRITERIA, & GUIDELINES:

Because EAFC desires to build up African led institutions and churches, the awarding of an EAFC scholarship requires participation and commitment from a sponsoring African-rooted ministry or church partner. The church partner will provide the following:

- provide moral and spiritual support for the student
- provide opportunities for student growth through involvement in local ministry
- ensure that the student will have someone to provide mentoring support, either through the church or through the student's educational institution
- maintain a vested interest in the student by contributing financially toward his/her educational and/or living expenses, according to the student's needs and the church's ability
- Assist the student with regular progress reports, and ensure that the student submits a report, including term grades, to the EAFC organization each school term
- Maintain accurate contact information with the EAFC office. (Ensure that e-mail addresses are correct and updated as needed)
- **Please retain a copy for your files as a reminder of your agreement**

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2010 PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: (Please do not use form letters.) This letter should contain a phone number for office use.

Letter # 1 should be from a pastor, elder, or deacon in the student's home church, or partnering church, and should affirm the following:

- Letter from home church required also if different from partnering church
- Please state your position in the church and explain the need for this degree pursued
- Note examples of how this student possesses a love for God and man, has a manifested call from God to pursue studies and that the goals of the student for both education and vocation match the specific goals/plans that the church is pursuing.

Letter # 2 should be from a friend, employer, teacher, or associate who has known the student for at least two years, and should affirm the following:

- the student's character, integrity, strong work ethic, humility, leadership qualities, and academic capability
- **Letters containing detailed knowledge of applicant will help the applicant have a better chance of being selected.**

STUDENT ESSAYS:

It is essential to demonstrate an ability to communicate your Christian beliefs, personal testimony of faith, and life goals very clearly. Your essays should include the following:

Essay #1: "Statement of Beliefs"

- Write a brief description of Christian theological beliefs, including your understanding and your church's position regarding God's sovereignty, man's free will, and salvation.
- How does your church deal with the conflicts between traditional African religion and evangelical Christianity?

Essay #2: "Testimony of Christian Faith"

- How long have you trusted in Christ for salvation?
- How did you come to faith in Christ?
- What does "walking in the Spirit" mean to you?
- If you should die tonight, do you know God would allow you into heaven? Why?
- Please describe your personal devotional habits.
- Comment on your prior and/or current experience in Christian ministry and service.

Essay #3: "Educational & Vocational Goals"

- Why did you choose this particular educational institution?
- Describe the area of ministry/professional vocation to which you feel particularly called.
- What are your goals for your career, ministry, and/or vocation, and how will obtaining the certificate, degree, or diploma help you accomplish these goals?
- How do your goals support the specific goals of your partnering church and how will you work with your church partner after your training is completed?

ONLY applications that are completed by the posted deadlines will be considered

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL:

The following information is not considered a part of the application that must be sent to the EAFC-IA office but is essential that all parties read and understand. When a church and student sign the application, it is to be understood that they both are agreeing that if accepted, they are agreeing to all aspects of this application.

Students admitted into the EAFC scholarship program, and who meet the following terms and conditions, will be awarded annual renewals as funds are available through gifts to the EAFC ministry. **The following terms and conditions serve as a guide in granting annual renewal of scholarships:**

- Any request for changes in the amount of the student's bursary award must be sent by the church partner to the EAFC office prior to April 2011 for September renewals and prior to July 1 for January renewals
- Student must maintain good standing with partnering church
- Student must maintain involvement with local ministry, as assigned by partnering church
- Student must maintain good academic standing with educational institution
- Student must be mentored on a regular basis by representative of the partnering church, or one the church has assigned for that purpose
- Student must maintain responsibility for communicating each term with the EAFC organization, and provide accurate updates of contact information and financial information.
- The student must maintain a valid e-mail address, and is responsible for providing the EAFC office for changes in status such as graduation dates, etc.
- Failure to comply could jeopardize renewals.

EAFC ALUMNI:

A primary goal of EAFC is to establish long-term relationships with its student alumni and partner churches. One of the reasons that EAFC works through church – student partnerships is to maintain communication with alumni. This partnership enables our ministry to know the students' stories, and share their experiences through appropriate means with our brothers and sisters who would support this ministry (i.e., newsletters, fund raising events, conferences) and would be greatly appreciated by our Board members and our staff.

This is included so that can understand that EAFC seeks to focus on relationship first. Our relationship with Jesus Christ drives us, and our developing relationship with the Church is our mandate. We ask you to pray that God bless all who work towards this end.