Christian Leaders of the Future 2023-24 Application Instructions

Dear student,

Thank you for applying for Christian Leaders of the Future! Please note, ONLY applicants who follow ALL of the following instructions will be considered. Twenty to 30 finalists will be honored at our awards program, and two winners (1 boy and 1 girl) will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college or university of their choice. **DEADLINE: Friday, Oct. 6.**

In order to apply, you will send us **ONE email** containing the following:

- 1. Your **application** (see questions below), plus 1 to 3 **signed recommendation letters** (see instructions below), TOGETHER IN ONE PDF ATTACHMENT. (Merge PDFs at https://www.adobe.com/acrobat/online/merge-pdf.html. Be sure your application appears first, then the letters, in the new PDF. Download and save.)
- 2. **Basic information** about yourself and your family, IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL. (*This information, listed below, is for MCL use only and will not be disclosed to the scholarship judges.*)
- 3. Your recommendation letter writers' email addresses, COPIED IN THE "CC" FIELD.

NOTE: Do not send a link to your PDF via a file-sharing service. Include the file itself as an attachment.

APPLICATION: Your application will consist of your answers to the following questions. Please proofread!

- 1. Briefly describe a specific situation where you lived out your faith in a way that was challenging. (250 words max)
- 2. Briefly share how you came to know Christ. (250 words max)
- 3. What activities are you involved in at church, at school and in the community? (200 words max)
- 4. What is your favorite Bible passage and why? (200 words max)
- 5. What Christian leader in your life has impacted you the most, and how? (200 words max)
- 6. How do you plan to live out your faith intentionally in a world that is becoming increasingly antagonistic toward Christianity? (250 words max)
- 7. What career do you believe God might be calling you to pursue, and why? (100 words max)

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (1 to 3)

You must include at least 1, but no more than 3, signed letters of recommendation from teachers, pastors, mentors, employers and/or community leaders who have firsthand knowledge of your Christian heart and leadership. The letters should NOT display any logo of the person's school, church, company or organization, though these entities may be mentioned in the letter. Letters from family will not be considered. 300 words max per letter.

BASIC INFORMATION (include in the body of the email)

- Your name
- Name of high school and graduation year
- Church where you attend or are a member
- Your mailing address, city and ZIP code
- Your email address
- Your phone number
- Father's name and employer if applicable
- Mother's name and employer if applicable
- Best phone number and email address to reach each parent if applicable

Send katie@mschristianliving.com ONE email containing ALL of the above no later than 11:59 p.m.

Friday, October 6, 2023. Thank you!