



This will be our 17th year partnering with Belhaven University to honor Mississippi high-school seniors with outstanding servant hearts and Christian character. Two finalists (one young man and one young woman) will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college or university of his or her choice!

In addition to being featured on the cover of the March 2025 issue of Mississippi Christian Living, 20-30 finalists will be honored at a special event March 4 at Belhaven, where we will host dynamic speakers and workshops and a reception and awards ceremony for finalists and their families. The two scholarship winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

It is essential that you follow the application instructions *precisely* in order to be considered. Also, you will be judged on both the content and the quality of your writing, so please proofread! Winners will be selected by a panel of Christian community leaders.

The application deadline is Friday, October 4, 2024. If you have questions or need more information, please email katie@mschristianliving.com.

Christian Leaders of the Future, class of 2025 Application Instructions

Carefully read ALL of the following instructions. ONLY properly submitted applications will be considered.

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

1. Your **application** (see questions below) AS A PDF ATTACHMENT.
2. **Basic information** (see bullets below), IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL.
3. Email addresses for your **references** (see application question 8) COPIED IN THE "CC" FIELD.

APPLICATION (attach as a PDF)

NOTES: PLEASE PROOFREAD! We recommend typing in Microsoft Word and using spell check and the word-count tool before finally SAVING your application **AS A PDF**. Also, **do not send a link to your PDF**. Simply **attach it to the email**.

1. 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 intentionally live out your faith in an increasingly anti-Christian world? (250 words max)

7. What career do you believe God might be calling you to pursue, and why? (100 words max)
8. Please provide the **names, phone numbers, and email addresses** of 3 adult references (not family members) who can vouch for your Christian faith and leadership. (You'll also copy them when you submit your application.)

BASIC INFORMATION (include in the body of the email; this info is not given to scholarship judges)

- 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

REFERENCES (include in the "cc" field)

Don't forget to copy the email addresses for your 3 references in the "cc" field!

FINAL CHECKLIST

- Is your application (with answers to all 8 questions) **attached as a PDF?**
- Is your basic information **in the body of the email?**
- Are your 3 references copied **in the "cc" field?**

Send ONE email containing ALL of the above to katie@mschristianliving.com by 11:59 p.m. Friday, October 4, 2024.

If you don't receive confirmation back within 24 hours, send the email again.