DR. CHARLES DONALDSON MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2014

Name ____________________________________________

Address ________________________________

City________________________ State________ Zip________

Telephone________________________ Cell________ Email____________

High School________________________ Graduation Date__________

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for any of the science scholarships you must:

1. Be accepted for admission to Covenant College by submitting all admissions materials to the College in a timely manner so that Covenant will receive them by the December 1, 2014, deadline.
2. Ensure that we receive your completed Science Scholarship application materials including a completed recommendation form from a high school science/math teacher by December 1, 2014.
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum ACT of 26 or SAT of 1200 (considering critical reading and math only).

The Dr. Charles Donaldson Memorial Science Scholarship was established in 2004 to honor Dr. Charles Donaldson who taught math and science at Covenant College for more than 30 years. This $11,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a first-time, degree-seeking student* who declares a major in biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. The scholarship is renewable for three years as long as the student remains in one of the science majors and maintains a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants should be able to demonstrate excellent abilities in the hard sciences and must be interested in pursuing a greater understanding of the relationship between the Christian faith and modern science. Preference will be given to students interested in research or teaching at the college level.

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

In addition to the Dr. Charles Donaldson Memorial Science Scholarship, other merit- and financial-need-based award packages may be awarded to a student majoring in either biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. The scholarship package amount will range from $4,000 to $9,500 and will be determined based on the recipient’s merit as determined by the Donaldson Selection Committee and financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

If you are chosen for the final round of competition for the Donaldson Scholarship, you will be invited and expected to come to campus during our Scholarship Weekend (January 29-31, 2015). There is an alternate process for overseas applicants. Final selection of all of the scholarship recipients will be made on the basis of the on-campus interviews and all other application materials.

You must be accepted for admission before you can be awarded a scholarship. If you would like to be considered for additional financial aid, you will need to submit a separate Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact the Financial Aid Office at 706.419.1126 for further details or go to covenant.edu/finaid.
SCIENCE RELATED INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A) Check the science major you are most likely interested in pursuing at Covenant College.*
   - Biology
   - Chemistry
   - Mathematics
   - Physics

B) On a separate sheet of paper entitled “Top 3 List” and marked clearly with your name, list the three most interesting/enjoyable science and/or math courses you have taken in high school and make a few comments as to why each course is on your “Top 3” list.

C) On a separate sheet of paper entitled “Interests, Activities and Accomplishments” and marked clearly with your name, list and briefly describe special interests, activities and accomplishments that you would like the selection committee to consider.

* Note: Anyone who is ready to declare any of the four majors listed: biology, chemistry, physics or math is eligible regardless of what they intend to do with the major (pre-med, for example, is not a major). Those that declare their intent to do pre-engineering dual degree, nursing dual degree, or nursing transfer programs—not one of the four listed majors—would not be eligible.

DONALDSON SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Mark clearly with “Donaldson Scholarship Essay” and your full name.

Write a concise essay (maximum of three double-spaced typed pages) in which you address the following questions:

In general terms, how do you think your area of interest should be approached from a Christian perspective? What activities, issues or questions in your proposed area of study should be of special interest or concern to Christians?

READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING

“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.”

Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date ______________

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO
Donaldson Scholarship Selection Committee
Covenant College Admissions Office
14049 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750-4164

Deadline: December 1, 2014
(received in our office—not just postmarked)
Phone: 888.451.2683
Fax: 706.820.089
DR. CHARLES DONALDSON MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2014

Note: This reference is to be completed by a teacher who has had the applicant in one of the following types of classes: math or science.

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 TEACHER

Please complete the information below concerning the science/math teacher you are asking to provide the recommendation. This should not be the person listed as a reference on your application for admission.

Teacher’s Name ___________________________ School ___________________________

Position/Courses Taught ________________________________________________

School Address _______________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip ______________

Telephone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Thank you for your help in identifying students who are strong candidates for the Dr. Charles Donaldson Science Scholarship or one of our other science scholarships. These scholarships are awarded annually to students who declare majors in biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. Applicants should be able to demonstrate excellent abilities in the natural sciences and must be interested in pursuing a greater understanding of the relationship between the Christian faith and modern science.

Please provide ratings and comments to give the selection committee insight into the applicant’s potential for continued development in the sciences. Please provide any other specific information you wish on the applicant’s character and on his or her other academic interests and abilities. Your evaluation will become part of this student’s application for any of the science scholarships at Covenant College. The deadline for all parts of the application to reach Covenant College is December 1, 2014.
Recommendation for __________________________ by __________________________

Student's Name

Recommender's Name

A) 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

B) Please comment on the applicant’s specific accomplishments in science or math and your assessment of his or her potential for advanced study. (Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed)

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Teacher’s Signature

Date

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