

***JAMES D. BIRAM PREACHER'S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP  
KENTUCKY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD***

**PURPOSE**

To encourage and assist Assemblies of God young people who are called of God and are attending an Assemblies of God College or University in order to prepare them for ministry in Kentucky.

Each year, one *James D. Biram Preacher's Award Scholarship* of \$2500 (\$1250 per semester for two semesters) will be awarded to a recipient who is called to full-time preaching ministry.

**CRITERIA**

1. The applicant must be an upcoming senior enrolled full-time at an Assembly of God College or University.
2. The applicant must be a preaching ministry major.
3. The applicant must plan to pursue a call to full-time preaching ministry.
4. The applicant must have a current GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale). Proof of eligible GPA must be submitted no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.
5. Applicant must be an active member of a Kentucky Assembly of God church.
6. Applicant must have the potential for meeting the standards for ministry established by the General Council and the Kentucky District Council.
7. Applicant must have the recommendation of his/her pastor.
8. Applicant must complete all required forms provided for this purpose.
9. Applicant must have the recommendation of a professor or dean of the institution at which they are enrolled.
10. Applicant must submit a short essay (500 words) explaining God's call upon his/her life to ministry.
11. Applicant should submit evidence of financial need.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**The James D. Biram Preacher's Award Scholarship award is contingent upon the availability of funds.** Award amounts for this scholarship are as follows:

- \$1250 per semester for two semesters. Spring disbursement is contingent upon recipient having met the GPA requirement for the fall semester. Documentation of fall semester GPA must be provided by **January 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to receive the spring payment.
- The James D. Biram Preacher's Award Scholarship may not be combined with any other Kentucky District Scholarship awards.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROCESSING**

1. All applications with supporting documentation must be post marked no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.
2. The Scholarship Committee will convene in June of each year and in conjunction with the DYD will determine eligibility and award amounts. The decision of the Committee will be final.
3. Each applicant will be notified by mail of the decision of the Committee no later than July 31.

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Upon completion mail application to:  
Kentucky District Council  
P.O. Box 959  
Crestwood, KY 40014  
Attention: Scholarship Committee

Instructions for Applicant:

1. Please enclose a recent photo.
2. Please request a copy of your transcript to be sent to the Kentucky District Office **by May 15th**. (Application will not be considered without it).
3. Complete the top portion of the Professor or Dean Reference Form and Pastor's Reference Forms (your home church in Kentucky and where you attend when at college). Submit them respectively with a stamped envelope addressed to the Kentucky District Scholarship Committee: P.O. Box 959, Crestwood, KY 40014.
4. The completed application and all supporting documents must be received at the Kentucky District Office **by May 15th** before any consideration can be given. If a scholarship is awarded, you will be notified by mail. A check will be sent to the College or University in your name once we receive proof of full-time enrollment and current eligible GPA.
5. Be sure to sign and date this application in the space provided below.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

All the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sex: M F Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Social Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_

4. Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed  
(If married, give name of spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of dependent children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many siblings in your family? \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending college? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which Assemblies of God College/University are you attending? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Grade level in which you are enrolled? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

10. What major are you pursuing? \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

11. Expected date of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_ Grade point Average \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Honors:**

List all academic honors you have received (College or University only)

Honor	Explanation	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Music/Drama \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Involvement (College or University)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs/Service Organizations:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_

Sports Teams: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_

Other Activities/ hobbies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Church Affiliation:**

1. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_
2. Church address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of present Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

4. List present ministry involvement : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Life:**

1. Date and place of conversion: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Date and place of water baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Evaluate your spiritual growth and maturity, including a description of your devotions in 25-50 words. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Record:** (Start with most recent employment)

Company/Employer	Type of Work	# of Hours	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Financial Status:**

1. What financial aid, grants or scholarships are you expecting to receive? Describe and give amounts:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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**PASTOR'S REFERENCE FORM**

To be completed by **Applicant:**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Waver Form:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, do hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege, provided by Public Law 93-380, to inspect or challenge the content and comments expressed in this letter of recommendation. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential between the writer and the person or organization to which my file may be addressed.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by **Pastor:**

Dear Pastor:

We believe you are interested in the future of the young person from your church, who is named above. He/she is applying for one of the tuition scholarships available from the Kentucky District of the Assemblies of God. Your cooperation in answering a few questions will be of great assistance in the evaluation of this applicant. A prompt reply will be appreciated and held in confidence.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Briefly describe the applicant's church participation. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Does this person exhibit a consistent Christian witness? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. To your knowledge, does the applicant use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs? \_\_\_\_\_



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5. Are there church activities or ministries in which the applicant participates other than those listed above? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Please make a brief statement concerning the financial status of the applicant.  
(NOTE: Finances can be a factor in scholarship awards, but not necessarily).  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Please evaluate applicant in the following areas:  
(Please check)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Moral Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect for Authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Church Involvement	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spiritual Life	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Please make any additional comments you think pertinent. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROFESSOR/DEAN REFERENCE FORM**

To be completed by **Applicant:**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Waver Form:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, do hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege, provided by Public Law 93-380, to inspect or challenge the content and comments expressed in this letter of recommendation. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential between the writer and the person or organization to which my file may be addressed.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
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To be completed by **Professor/Dean:**

Dear Professor:

The student who has given you this referral form is applying for one of the tuition scholarships available from the Kentucky District of the Assemblies of God. Your cooperation in answering a few questions will be of great assistance in the evaluation of this applicant. A prompt reply is appreciated and held in confidence.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does this person exhibit a consistent Christian witness? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. To your knowledge, does the applicant use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please evaluate applicant in the following areas:  
(Please check)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Moral Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect for Authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Church Involvement	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spiritual Life	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Please make any additional comments you think pertinent. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_