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Seattle Pacific University's Church Match Scholarship program is intended to build partnerships between the University and Christian churches in the United States and Canada. This program helps to provide financial assistance and recognition for students who wish to attend SPU and who are receiving a scholarship from their church. For each student, SPU will match up to \$500 per academic year. "Churches" eligible to apply include: Christian churches in the United States and Canada and, for dependents of missionaries, missionary organizations in the United States and Canada.

In order for a student to receive the SPU Church Match Scholarship, the church must be approved for participation. To apply, the church must complete this application and agree to the scholarship-awarding conditions on the back of this flyer. Once the church is approved and accepted into the program, its approval will remain active for four years. At the end of four years, the church will be required to complete a new application in

order to update information. Student Financial Services (SFS) will notify the church by mail or email when a new scholarship application is required.

SPU will notify the church of its approval status approximately two weeks after the application is received. If the church is approved, the scholarship chairperson named on the application may then submit the name(s) of the recipient(s) via email or letter to the program manager of grants and scholarships. The church will need to notify SPU of its recipient(s) via email or letter each academic year. If the scholarship chairperson or contact information changes over the four years of continuous approval, please notify us.

The church must submit application materials by October 9, 2009. SFS will then accept notifications of students to award as they are selected by the church scholarship committee. SFS accepts student notifications through the month of October.

Please print clearly or type.

Church Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Senior Pastor: _____

Senior Pastor's Email: _____ Phone: _____

Youth Pastor: _____

Youth Pastor's Email: _____

If no youth pastor is named, who is responsible for guiding the youth ministry of your church?

Name: _____ Email: _____

Denominational Affiliation of the Church (if any): _____

Membership/Sunday Attendance: _____ / _____

Number of High School Youth: _____ Number of Junior High Youth: _____

At what times do your youth meet during the week?

Activity: _____ Meeting Time: _____

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Scholarship committee members:

Chairperson: _____

Chairperson's Email: _____ Phone: _____

Other Scholarship Committee Members: _____

How long has this church had a scholarship committee? _____

How many scholarships, if any, does the church generally award each year? _____

How are funds collected for scholarships? _____

How are students notified about scholarship opportunities? _____

What is your application process for student scholarships? _____

What criteria does the church consider in its scholarship process? _____

What is the selection process for student scholarships? _____

I certify that the application information is true and accurately reflects our policies and procedures for student scholarships:

Signature of Senior Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Scholarship Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

Guidelines and Suggestions

Churches should inform all potential college students of scholarship opportunities. Pastors and staff members may do this through flyers; announcements in church or in church bulletins; or by direct verbal contact at all youth events. A scholarship committee should be formed. It may consist of church leadership only or of cross-functional membership (church member, pastor, administrator, etc.). Parents or relatives of the applicant should not be on the committee.

Approved churches should have a fair and consistent process. For example, to determine the best applicants, committees could require students to fill out an application. Or, if the church has enough funds to give to all students who are attending college, it may choose to distribute those resources equally between all students. If your church has another process, please explain it in detail on the application.

Some approved churches ask for donations for scholarship purposes, or set aside a portion of their budgets to award in scholarships; both options are acceptable. However, please identify how

the scholarship money is set aside, or, if it comes from a particular person or group, who donates it. Generally, approved churches disallow donations from a relative of an applicant or any other entity who implies, or requests, that the money be given to a preferred applicant.

Make a copy of this application and agreement. Keep it on file, and let us know of any changes to your scholarship process. The church must be in compliance with the policies set forth by this document and Seattle Pacific University in order to remain eligible for SPU's Church Match Scholarship program. Policies are subject to change at any time. If this should occur, the church will be notified of these changes in writing to the address SFS has on file. It is the church's responsibility to notify SPU when contact information changes (including addresses, pastor, etc.) and if any of the church policies or procedures for student scholarships no longer qualify for SPU's Church Match Scholarship program.

Complete and return this application by October 9, 2009, to be considered for the program during the 2009–10 school year.

I certify that I have read this document and agree to the terms of SPU's Church Match Scholarship program and that our scholarship selection process is open to all college students at our church:

Signature of Senior Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Scholarship Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

Please mail this application to:

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For further information about SPU's Church Match Scholarship program, please contact Whitney Forck, program manager of grants and scholarships, at 206-281-2467 or whitney@spu.edu.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to help students finance their education!