

Jeff Curtis Leadership And Academic Scholarship Announcement And Application--2008

BACKGROUND

Jeff Curtis was a student leader who combined his intellectual capability, passion to excel, and wry sense of humor to impact those around him until his death, January 6, 1998.

He excelled academically and attained outstanding results through the intellectual gifts that God gave him with an extraordinary work ethic. Throughout his academic career, he performed with distinction by challenging himself with the most difficult of courses, as well as winning academic achievement awards.

He developed a solid faith in God by participating in a variety of youth activities in the Evangelical Free Church of Naperville (EFCN), by asking questions to expand his knowledge of God and Christianity, and by building solid friendships that lasted through college and his working life.

He demonstrated both informal and formal leadership through high school, as well as college, in addition to working while attending school.

Recognizing the results of his life, and in an effort to recognize and encourage others in their similar pursuit of excellence, the Jeff Curtis Leadership and Academic Scholarship has been established.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the scholarship are as follows:

- Recognize students' academic and leadership achievements in all their communities
- Encourage students to integrate their Christian faith in academic, social, physical, and work lifestyles.
- Encourage further education.

It should be noted that the following are NOT considered objectives of the award (though they may be important factors in other awards or areas of consideration)

- It is not an award based on financial need.
- It is not an award based on popularity.
- It is not an award given to the most active youth group participant.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to a high school senior who applies, or is nominated for such award. The winner of the scholarship will be announced annually in May or June (recommended that announcement be made on EFCN graduation Sunday). Announcement of the award winner will be made by Betty Feltes, mother of Jeff. Such an award will be made one time to the recipient after having given evidence of registering as a full-time student. (at a college or university including a junior or community college but not including a trade school)

Should the Selection Committee wish to honor more than one \$2,000 winner, and should funds be available, the Committee will be authorized to make an award to another high school senior(s), or to increase the amount of the award, or both in an amount that the Committee deems appropriate. As an alternative, extra funds may be accumulated for years beyond 2002. The Committee reserves the right to not give the award in any given year.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

- Selection will be based on scoring on the Jeff Curtis Scholarship Evaluation Form
- The award will be publicized in, at least, a church-wide publication in September and January of each year
- Nomination/Application forms must be received in the EFCN office no later than 3/31 prior to the scheduled award. Late applications will not be considered.
- Selection will be weighted as follows
 - a) 30% academic achievements
 - b) 30% demonstrated leadership in community, school, and work
 - c) 30% demonstrated leadership in EFCN
 - d) 10% other factors that Selection Committee deems to be important
- The Selection Committee will review the applications with the applicants= names deleted.
- Selection Committee: Betty Feltes (Chairperson), Randy Johnson, Jud Olsen, or his designee. The committee may select additional or replacement members in subsequent years.
- The person(s) selected by the Selection Committee will be approved by the Elder Board of the Church.

Jeff Curtis Leadership and Academic Scholarship Application

(Must be received by Selection Committee no later than March 31)

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Please complete questions on extra pages if you need additional space for answers)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS - 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

1. Please indicate your grade point average through January of your senior year. _____
2. Please forward an official copy of your transcript, including grades through January of your senior year, to the address below.
3. Please list and provide evidence of the academic honors and awards you have achieved.
4. Please indicate courses, projects or other efforts that you have undertaken, beyond what is typically expected of a high school student, to maximize the intellectual gifts that God has given to you.
5. Please indicate your educational plans for the academic year beginning in the fall.

DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, AND WORK - 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

1. Please indicate the school extracurricular (non-academic) activities, and the years (track 1, 2 as an example,) in which you have

PARTICIPATED (these do not necessarily have to be those in which you have had a leadership role).

2. Please indicate the extracurricular **LEADERSHIP** roles, and the years (Student council rep 2, 3 for example,) in which you have served in school.

3. Please indicate your participation and leadership, and the years in which you participated (worked with Habitat for Humanity during my senior year as an example,) in community (not church or school) activities.

4. Please indicate the jobs you have held for the last three (3) years.

<u>School Year 2007-08</u> School year Senior Year	
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Actual Dates</u>
<u>Position</u>	
<u>Summer 2007</u> Summer before your senior year	
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Actual Dates</u>
<u>Position</u>	
<u>Actual Dates</u>	
<u>School year 2006-07</u> School year Junior Year	
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Actual Date</u>
<u>Postion</u>	
<u>Summer 2006</u> Summer before your Junior year	
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Actual Dates</u>
<u>Position</u>	
<u>School year 2005-06</u> School year Sophomore year	
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Actual Dates</u>
<u>Postion</u>	

Table 1

DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP IN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF NAPERVILLE - 30 POINTS POSSIBLE

1. Please indicate the activities and the years in which you have been **REGULARLY INVOLVED** in sponsored activities by EFCN for teenagers (leadership role is not required).

2. Please indicate the **LEADERSHIP** roles in which you have served and the years in which you served in the EFCN sponsored activities for teenagers.

3. Please indicate leadership roles and the years in which you have served in EFCN activities other than youth group activities (for example, church committees, mission trips, ushering, Christian Service Brigade, AWANAS, adult choir, etc.).

OTHER FACTORS - 10 POINTS POSSIBLE.

Please indicate any other factors that you believe would be helpful for the Selection Committee to consider as it reviews your application for the Jeff Curtis Scholarship.

As part of your application, you are asked to include three letters of reference from 3 different people:

- One person to provide a reference regarding your academic achievements.
- One person to provide a reference regarding how you have integrated your faith in leadership in your community, school, and work.
- One person to provide a reference regarding how you have integrated your faith in providing leadership in EFCN.

These letters must be received by the application deadline indicated above.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date of Application _____

All correspondence regarding this award, including transcript and letters of reference, should be addressed to:

Selection Committee
Jeff Curtis Leadership and Academic Scholarship
Evangelical Free Church
1551 E. Hobson Road
Naperville, IL 60540
DEADLINE: MARCH 31

Email application and questions: rsandford@efcn.org