



THE WILBERFORCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The Wilberforce School is a classical Christian School in Princeton, New Jersey. The school's mission is to provide a distinctively Christian education characterized by academic excellence and joyful discovery within a classical framework.

The Wilberforce Scholarship

The Wilberforce Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship, to be given each year to an outstanding new* Upper School (Grade 9-12) student. The scholarship covers 90% of tuition. Wilberforce Scholars who maintain a GPA of 3.5 and exemplary conduct will have the scholarship renewed each year until graduation from upper school.

This is a merit-based, competitive scholarship. Candidates must complete the standard admissions application process and a Wilberforce Scholarship application (comprised of one essay and a character reference). The scholarship committee will call in finalists for interviews.

William Wilberforce

The Wilberforce Scholarship receives its name from William Wilberforce, the British Parliamentarian whose labors led to the end of slavery in the British Colonies. Wilberforce's faith in Jesus Christ changed him from a careless, wealthy young politician to a tireless, compassionate public servant. As the prophet Daniel found ways to apply the principles of his faith in a position of leadership among other leaders who did not share his faith, Wilberforce developed and used his gifts of leadership and persuasion to champion countless efforts to better a society. He persisted for decades in the tasks to which God had called him, despite illness, physical threats, and enormous opposition. We at The Wilberforce School wish to encourage young people who seek to emulate William Wilberforce, affecting their world as Wilberforce did his.

Instructions for Applicants

Please remember that this is a competitive scholarship, and the appearance of your application will make an impression on the scholarship committee. If at all possible, please type your application.

Carefully follow the instructions for each question on both the admissions application and the scholarship application, including any formatting or length restrictions. Make sure your responses are accurate, well thought-out, and well written.

Applicants should also provide one Character Reference Form (included) in addition to the Teacher Recommendation Form required on the standard admissions application. Parents, please be sure to sign the release on the top of the form.

Deadline

All applications must be received by January 26, 2024.

(*Please note: The donors who fund this scholarship have stipulated that this is to be given to new applicants only, and that currently enrolled students are not eligible for the scholarship. This scholarship is designed to help to expand the number of outstanding scholars at the school.)



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Student Application

Please carefully complete the following application:

Applicant:

First Middle Last

Current Grade: _____ Applying for Grade: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Statement:

Read the biography of William Wilberforce posted on our website. What do you admire about Wilberforce? In what areas would you like to emulate him, both during your school-age years and in adulthood? (Please restrict your answer to 250 words or fewer. You may type your answer on a separate piece of paper with your name stated and attach it to this application.)



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Character Reference

For the Parent of the Applicant:

I, _____, parent / guardian of _____, do hereby release my right to review this recommendation.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Student: _____ Date Requested: _____

For the Character Reference Provider:

The student referenced above has applied for a merit scholarship at The Wilberforce School. This is a competitive scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding upper school student. The school asks students to provide one character reference as part of the scholarship application.

Please comment on the applicant's character, and be sure to indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. (You may attach a letter if preferred.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Thank you for sending The Wilberforce School the requested reference as soon as possible to the following address:

The Wilberforce School
Admissions Office
75 Mapleton Rd
Princeton NJ 08540

OR

Admissions@wilberforceschool.org