



COVENANT
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COVENANT COLLEGE WILBERFORCE SCHOLARSHIP

Radically God-centered Christian

It's the sort of man William Wilberforce was. The sort of man who battled seemingly insurmountable odds, at the risk of wealth and reputation, to achieve two ends: the abolition of the slave trade and the reformation of manners (morals and ethics) in England. A man who was energized by a deep allegiance to what he called "the peculiar doctrines of Christianity." A man for whom "the supremacy of God's glory in all things" was the "grand governing maxim in all of life."*

This is the sort of men and women that Covenant College seeks to raise up. Men and women passionately committed to the cause of Christ, whose every thought and action are informed and inspired by the truths of the Scriptures. Men and women for whom the value of the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the realization of the justice of His kingdom far outweighs any hardship they might endure in the pursuit of those goals. Men and women who are capable of, and committed to, addressing today's most pressing issues from a Christian perspective.

Purpose of the Scholarship

The scholarship is named in recognition of the 19th English parliamentarian. The Wilberforce Scholarship is a program designed to recognize, encourage, and prepare students who have demonstrated initiative and persuasive leadership in issues of biblical justice, especially for the poor and oppressed. The goal is to combine a rigorous biblically based education with a practical mentoring and internship program. Covenant College's Wilberforce Scholarship Program employs local committees to identify and support young Christians who have the potential to serve as Wilberforce-like agents in a culture in desperate need of the good news of Jesus Christ's reign over all things. Committee members work with college admissions staff to identify and encourage qualified applicants; to raise and donate funds to support those students; to provide--either from their own ranks or through network relationships--mentoring for recipients; and to aid Wilberforce scholars in finding internships related to their field of endeavor.

One of the key features of the Wilberforce Scholarship Program is the close relationship between recipients and their local Wilberforce committee. Just as Wilberforce was encouraged in his calling by the support of the Clapham Sect, it is our belief that the connection between Wilberforce Scholarship recipients and their local committee significantly increases the likelihood of producing Christian men and women who can assume Wilberforce-like roles in the years to come. Local committees model for them and encourage them in a life in which faith, work, church, and school are all connected in the pursuit of realizing Christ's preeminence in all things.

"IN ALL THINGS CHRIST PREEMINENT"

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The Scholarship

The amount of the award is normally \$15,000 per year, but may be reduced at the recommendation of the local committee. Each recipient will have a local mentor chosen by the local Wilberforce Committee. The mentor, with the aid of Covenant career counseling, will help the applicant obtain summer internships. The Wilberforce Scholarship is renewable as long as the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and has a satisfactory relationship with the local mentor resulting in successful internships/practicums. **Wilberforce recipients will not be eligible for other Covenant College leadership awards (i.e. Maclellan, Business, Donaldson, Computer Science, etc.).**

Qualifications

1. *Geographical* - Applicants must be from or attend school in one of the following five areas: Birmingham, Alabama (Shelby or Jefferson County); Gainesville, Georgia (Hall, Barrow or Jackson County); Dalton, Georgia; Memphis, Tennessee; or middle Tennessee.
2. *Academic* - The scholarship is for incoming freshmen with a **cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 AND a minimum New SAT score of 1650 (or an 1120 considering critical reading and math only), or ACT score of 24.**
3. *Commitment to Christ, sense of justice, ability to persuade others, perseverance* - To help Covenant evaluate the student, by **December 1** each candidate must:
 - a. Submit a completed Covenant College Application for Admission
 - b. Submit a Wilberforce Application Form, which requires a *two to three-page essay*
 - c. Submit a Wilberforce *Recommendation Form*
 - d. Submit a Wilberforce *Extra Curricular Activities Form*

All of this material will be forwarded to the local Wilberforce Committee who will interview all applicants approximately two weeks prior to Covenant College's Scholarship Weekend, January 22-24, 2009. Those whom the local Wilberforce Committee selects will be requested to attend Scholarship Weekend. If you would like to download a Wilberforce application please visit

www.covenant.edu/admissions/undergrad/costs/applyforaid.

Additional Cities

If you would like more information on how you might become involved in one of the current Wilberforce Scholarship cities, or how you could become involved in the establishment of a new committee in your hometown, please contact Frank Brock at 706.419.1062 or plannedgiving@covenant.edu.

*Quotes from John Piper, *Amazing Grace in the Life of William Wilberforce* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2006).