

# Description

## Leo S. Miller Christian Vocation Scholarship

The Speedway Church of Christ provides a 500 dollar scholarship to a Speedway High School graduating senior who is involved in their church community and who sees their post-secondary education as following a calling to serve Christ and the world.

Note: A student may follow her calling in almost any field. In other words we do not wish to limit the notion of ministry to what are often called the helping professions—ministry, nursing, medicine, education, music, social work, therapy, communications etc. Students who study to be craftsmen or artisans of any kind who are not focused only four-year bachelors programs ought to feel free to apply. What is critical for an applicant is for him or her to see their ongoing training as a Christian calling that will serve the church and the world. In other words money can be sent to any post-secondary education program. Students need not have one career plan, but should have begun the process of narrowing their career options through some form of distinctively Christian discernment.

Note: Leo Miller was a long-time leader in the Speedway Church of Christ. He was for many years a business teacher and Vice President at what is now the University of Indianapolis. Perhaps his greatest encouragement in life was seeing his students thrive because of their education.

# References

## Teacher Recommendations

At least one teacher should list distinguishing anecdotes about the applicant. (disciplines, social skills)

## The Minister's Reference (for the pastor, a youth pastor or church leader)

How long have you known the applicant?

Does the applicant show signs of a deepening spiritual life with God?

How would you describe the applicant's consistency and relationship in and with the church?

How would you describe the applicant's spiritual gifts and/or natural talents?

# Student Essays:

Along with your high school transcript, describe which parts of your high school education helped you discern your sense of calling or direction in life. Note: We expect that you may be considering a number of different options, but you should indicate your range of interests and how they might be used to serve the Lord. (300 words)

How would you counsel a very talented former minister who is potentially getting a divorce about whether he should take a new preaching position. He currently is teaching speech at a junior college and enjoys the work, but the salary is not enough to feed his wife and three kids. He enjoys teaching college better than preaching, but he can't pay his bills—particularly his very high health insurance on the current salary. (500-1000 words)