



# BUTLER UNIVERSITY

## The Center for Faith and Vocation

### Scholarship Application

## General Instructions for Applicants

### ABOUT THE CENTER

The Center for Faith and Vocation is all about exploration and self-discovery. It is a place where students and professors come together to discover how they are called to lives of purpose and contribution. *Vocation* means calling, as in how the world, or your heart, or God may be calling you to serve others, become an artist, work for peace, teach a child or heal the sick. *Faith* means religion or spirituality to many people, and can also mean having the confidence to pursue one's own path. The Center for Faith and Vocation celebrates diverse perspectives on calling and *faith* in our work with Jewish, Christian and Muslim student groups on campus. We also work with non-religious student organizations devoted to interfaith dialogue, international service trips and social justice efforts. We are looking for students with a passion for self-exploration, creativity and a curiosity about spirituality and faith. If you have a longing to live deeply, we invite you to explore The Center.

### AWARDS

The Center will grant three renewable scholarships to incoming freshmen with an interest in exploring issues of social justice, religion, ethics and/or spirituality. Students of any faith or no particular religious affiliation can apply. The scholarships are open to ALL students, regardless of major. We are looking for students who are curious and creative, interested in service and community and ready to examine themselves and the world.

Recipients will become Center for Faith and Vocation Scholars. They will be expected to participate in Center activities, which include a freshman advising program, workshops and seminars on diverse religious issues, service initiatives and small-group discussions.

### ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship candidates must:

- Apply and be admitted to the upcoming Butler University freshman class
- Provide documentation of volunteer service or activities in a religious community
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, religious leader or mentor in volunteer service
- Write a 500-word essay

### APPLICATION TIMELINE

Students must complete:

- The Butler University Application for Freshman Admission and Scholarships by **November 1**.
- The Center for Faith and Vocation Scholarship Application **must be postmarked by December 15**.

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete The Center for Faith and Vocation Scholarship Application by **December 15**.
2. Write a 500-word essay on one of the following themes (essays must be typed):
  - a. What is the greatest concern facing your community (your world, nation, state, city, neighborhood, school, particular ethnic or religious group) AND how do you feel called to be part of a solution to that concern?
  - b. How do you imagine the major you are considering could lead you to serve others?
  - c. How do your religious or spiritual commitments call you to a life of service or purpose?
3. Provide a list of your volunteer service, activities in your community and/or religious involvement.
4. Provide a confidential letter of recommendation from a teacher, religious leader or mentor in volunteer service. The letter should be sent in a sealed envelope with the application. Scholarship application review will also consider any references and academic information included in the Butler University Application for Freshman Admission and Scholarships.
5. Send all of the above information to The Center for Faith and Vocation (see address below).

Finalists will be asked to attend the Butler University Scholars' Forum in February to interview for the scholarship.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print in ink.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female  
*Last First Middle (complete) Jr., ect.*

Preferred First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*Month Day Year*

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Area code Number*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an international student?  yes  no

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

High school: \_\_\_\_\_

High school location: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

Intended major(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name and position of person writing your letter of recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail all application components to:

The Center for Faith and Vocation  
Butler University  
4600 Sunset Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46208-3485