

OVERSEER ROY E. WEST PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship Abstract:

Funds for the Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarships are raised through two Sunday worship services and donations during the first Sunday of December. The combination of the two services is entitled "Overseer's Sunday." The theme of Overseer's Sunday is "Praise, Preaching and Promise." The promise portion of Overseer's Sunday is the endowing of the Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarships. The intent is to assist in making the promise of area youth who are active in church a reality.

To correlate the emphasis on active church participation of applicants, the scholarships will be awarded at a youth explosion on Good Friday, which is entitled "God's Friday."

Christ Lifters Community of Faith in conjunction with the Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship Advisory Board will award as many scholarships as the year's endowment will fund. The scholarships are for first-year students who have been accepted to and enrolled in an accredited 4-year university or college. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of activity in the church and academic merit, not financial need.

Each Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship is for \$1,000. The scholarship is awarded for one year only is not renewable.

Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarships will be made payable directly to the registrar of the university on behalf of the student.

Overseer Roy E. West Bio:

Overseer Roy E. West was born on April 4, 1946, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was the oldest son of five children, born to the parentage of Reverend R.W. West and Octavia M. West.

He received his formal education from the Fort Worth Independent School District and graduated as salutatorian of Como High School. He was the very first African-American male student to attend Texas Wesleyan College. He also studied at Bishop College and Arlington Baptist College.

He was called to ministry at the age of twelve and succeeded his father, the late R. W. West, as Pastor of Strangers Rest Missionary Baptist Church in 1978. For over 28 years, Pastor Roy E. West served the congregants and the Lake Como community faithfully.

In 2003, Pastor West was lead by the Holy Spirit to leave the Elm Grove District Association and join the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International. This was a difficult decision for a very traditional Baptist preacher and personally difficult because his father founded the Elm Grove District. God however rewarded his obedience; in 2005, as Pastor West was awarded the Pastor of the Year Award by Bishop Paul S. Morton, Sr. at the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Convention in New Orleans. In April of 2007 Full Gospel honored him with the elevation to the office of District Overseer.

Overseer West was a noted Bible scholar and a skilled teacher of the Gospel. He was well read, quoted poetry, and played several musical instruments. He was the life of every party and never met a stranger. Of all of his unique qualities, he was most known for his generosity. He was generous almost to a fault. He would give his last, trusting God would not forsake him. Consequently, both he and Greater Strangers Rest became known throughout the city for their generosity and selflessness. Whether it was helping other churches, pastors or members in the Lake Como community he would never turn them away. He would kindly send for the financial secretary and the church's checkbook.

Overseer West's generosity extended to the youth of the church as well. During his pastorate, he ensured that several of the youth who had graduated and headed off to college continued to receive some support from their home church. Often to the disagreement of church officers, he fought to secure financial assistance for those young people. He was a fervent advocate for furthering the education of youth, no matter the cost. Overseer West believed that you could place no value on the promise of youth through education and that the church should be an active partner in doing so.

On December 3, 2007, this world got a little less generous, for after 38 years of preaching and 28 years of pasturing, Overseer Roy Edwin West bid this world adieu.

It is the sincere intention of Christ Lifters Community of Faith to champion the legacy of generosity and belief in the possibilities of promise through education of Overseer Roy E. West.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship you must:

- Be a graduating senior of a high school in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex (surrounding cities included).
- Have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or equivalent on a 4.0 scale.
- Have applied to and been accepted to an accredited 4 year university or college.
- Be active in your local church youth ministry.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

For your application to be complete you must submit the following materials to the Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship Advisory Board:

- Completed application form and the requested separate pages (see sections C, D, and E)
- Your official high school transcript that includes grades 9-11 as well as class rank and cumulative GPA.
- Your letter of acceptance to an accredited 4-year university or college.
- Three letters of recommendation: your pastor, your youth director or ministry leader, and a teacher.

Your application materials should be mailed to:

ATTN: Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship
Christ Lifters Community of Faith
P.O. Box 24531
Fort Worth, TX 76124

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application materials must be postmarked no later than **March 22, 2014**.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship Advisory Board is comprised of area educators, pastors and community leaders. The Board will review all applications and determine the scholarship recipients. Applications will be reviewed and winners selected based on level of activity in church youth ministry; high school class rank; grade point average; quality of the essay portion of the application; high school and/or community participation, service, and leadership, and academic promise in the chosen major.

Scholarship winners will be announced by **April 18, 2014** at Christ Lifters Community of Faith's "God's Friday," youth explosion. Winners need to be in attendance.

**OVERSEER ROY E. WEST PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM
2013 - 2014**

(Application must be typed to be considered completed. No handwritten applications will be considered.)

A. BACKGROUND

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (Apt)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Intended major area of study: _____

B. ACADEMIC PROFILE

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ on a _____ point scale.

Class Rank: _____ / _____ (top _____ %) (to the nearest .00%)

ACT Scores: Composite _____

English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science Reasoning _____

SAT Scores: Combined _____

Critical Reading _____ Mathematics _____

C. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On a single page, please provide a profile of your church, school and community activities, offices held, honors awarded, and years of participation (e.g., 11=junior, 10=sophomore). Organize it into the following categories: Church/Choir; Church/Praise Dance; Church/Drama; Church/Usher; Church/Step Team; Church/Mime; Church/Drama; Church/Publications; School/Art; School/Music; School/Athletics; School/Dance; School/Debate; School/Drama; School/Publications; School/Student Government; Community Service; Extracurricular Academic Experiences; Jobs; Volunteer Work; Other Circumstances of Interest to the Committee; Honors/Awards (for activities not listed).

D. ESSAY

1. How and/or why you have chosen the university in which you plan to attend? How did you choose your major field of study. (minimum 250 words)
2. Tell what is your favorite book of the Bible and why? (minimum 250 words)
3. Tell what being a part of church and youth ministry has meant to you? What you'll take away from it as you go off to college and potentially large numbers of people who do not know Jesus? (minimum 500 words)

Your essays should be thoughtful and creative, well written, and proofread carefully. Your essay must be typed and requires the minimum number of words specified. Be sure your name and page numbers appear on each page of your essay.

E. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You must submit three letters of recommendation with your application. Letters should be written by your pastor, youth/ministry leader or teacher. Letters should attest to your level of activity in youth ministry, Christian experience, academic ability, sincerity, integrity, and character.

F. INTERVIEW

Please provide daytime and/or evening telephone number(s) where you can be reached to schedule an interview with the Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship Advisory Board. Interviews will only be held with the top candidates for the scholarships.

Daytime Telephone Number: (____) _____

Evening Telephone Number: (____) _____

OVERSEER ROY E. WEST PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM
2013 - 2014

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (Apt)

_____ (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Length of Time Applicant Known: _____

Please describe the integrity, character, and level of activity in ministry of the applicant. Detail why you feel the applicant should receive the Overseer Roy E. West Promise Scholarship. Finally discuss the promise of the applicant. Please type the letter on church or school letterhead and attach to this form.