

**Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF)**

**Dr. Kenneth L. Hill Scholarship 2025**

*The SERF Dr. Kenneth L. Hill scholarship allows graduating high school seniors or currently enrolled college students within the SERF corridor area to apply and be awarded a scholarship up to $500 (five hundred dollars) to an accredited school approved by the committee.*

***All applicants must submit a written or video response to the specific topic.***

*Interested students may apply by registering and submitting all required documents online at* [*https://www.cogserf.com*](https://cogserf.com)*, beginning on* ***January 30th at 9:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST) and ending on March 30th at 10:00 PM EST.***

***The scholarship committee adheres to the following guidelines for all applicants:***

* Applicants must complete the online registration and application packet at <https://www.cogserf.com>.
* Applicants must submit a transcript of his/her academic records from high school (seniors) or college.
* Applicants must submit a copy of an acceptance letter from or be enrolled in an accredited college or vocational school for 2025.
* Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time (12 hours or more) or part-time (6 hours minimum) student.
* Applicants must regularly attend a Church of God in the SERF corridor and actively serve in ministry.
* Applicants must submit a Letter of Recommendation from their pastor on the church letterhead.
* Applicants must submit all required documents and essay or video by deadline.

***A submission that does not include all requirements will be disqualified. Entries submitted after the submission period will not be considered.***

**Essay Topic and Regulations**

Applicants must address the following topic in written ***or*** video format:

***“In a world that is rapidly changing and often skeptical of traditional beliefs, what are the unique challenges that young people face when trying to live a life of faith? “***

* Discuss the impact of technology, societal pressures, and personal struggles.
* Explore ways to navigate and overcome these challenges while remaining committed to one’s faith.
* Include your personal experiences and any helpful resources (Eg.scriptures, quotes, community support, etc.). Please do not use specific names.
* Consider how the local church can better equip and support young people as they navigate these challenges.

***NOTE:***  *The name of your pastor and church should not be included in your essay. You can refer to him/her as “pastor” and you can reference “my church” but not the names of either.*

**Written Essay Format:**

* Three to five (3-5) typed pages, double-spaced
* 12-point font:Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial Narrow
* Numbered pages with one-inch margins.

**Rubric for Written Essay**

* Writing skills (grammar, structure, and vocabulary)
* Content & Persuasiveness
* Organization & Structure
* Emotional Appeal & Engagement
* Use of Resources & Supporting Evidence
* Creativity & Originality

**Video Format**

* 3-5 minutes in length.
* .mp4 or. mov video file or a link to a video hosting platform (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo).
* Record in a well lit and quiet area.

**Rubric for Video**

* Presentation skills (grammar, structure, and vocabulary)
* Content & Persuasiveness
* Organization & Structure
* Emotional Appeal & Engagement
* Use of Resources & Supporting Evidence
* Creativity & Originality
* Technical Quality

**Documents to upload (checklist)**

* Completed Registration form (only one entry per person)
* Completed essay to include title page and bibliography.
* Video file or link
* Typed list of resources referenced in video
* Transcript from current school
* Acceptance letter and/or proof of current college enrollment
* Letter of Recommendation from pastor

**SERF Scholarship Registration Form**

[**https://forms.gle/M8t555VN3Pi8LNiZ7**](https://forms.gle/M8t555VN3Pi8LNiZ7)

**Upload completed scholarship documentation**

[**https://forms.gle/JfGDTGGSBX8kR56w9**](https://forms.gle/JfGDTGGSBX8kR56w9)

**Judging and Selection**

The Scholarship Committee will judge the essays and video submissions. All information submitted is confidential. Excerpts from winning essays and videos may be shared on the SERF website with consent from the winners.

Scholarships are awarded based on:

* + Applicant’s essay or video scoring from the **scholarship committee’s grading rubric.**
  + Applicant’s current academic performance.
  + Acceptance or enrollment into an accredited college.

**Winners**

* + There can be ***up to*** (3) Grand Prize winners receiving ***up to*** $500 (five hundred dollars) to an accredited school approved by the committee.
* The scholarships are awarded to the winner(s) and are non transferable. The winner(s) may not designate someone else as the winner.
* If you are unable or unwilling to accept your prize, the scholarship committee expressly reserves the right to select a new winner from other qualified applicants using the judging criteria; or return the awarded money in the Dr. Kenneth L Hill Scholarship fund for the following SERF conference year.

**Notification of Winners**

* The Scholarship Committee will notify the winner(s) by email or phone call at least 2 weeks prior to the SERF Conference.
* If you are selected as a winner of the Scholarship and you do not contact the Sponsor within ten (10) days of the notification, you will forfeit your scholarship.
* Winners will be recognized during the SERF Conference Friday evening service on April 25, 2025 at Restoration Church in Radcliffe, KY.
* Winners are asked to email a photograph of themselves for the presentation. Photos can be emailed to [info@cogserf.com](mailto:info@cogserf.com) or texted to 706.405.9191 within 2 days of notification.

**Scholarship Sponsor**

*The SERF scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Kenneth L. Hill, a former SERF President and one of its founding leaders. Dr. Hill is a promoter and advocate for the advancement of young people. He delights in hearing from scholarship recipients about their educational and spiritual journey. Winners can share updates by emailing Dr. Hill at* [*khill@churchofgod.org*](mailto:khill@churchofgod.org).