

Scholarship Morals Clause

Personal Conduct

Christians should always conduct their lives and habits in a way that positively reflects God. We believe lifestyle choices should honor Christ, His Church, their family and, by your participation in and involvement with, Central Texas Leadership Training for Christ. We also believe this is a natural extension of Christian leadership.

One of the founding goals for Leadership Training for Christ is to assist young people in leading lives that bring glory to God. The display of the gifts and skills He has given you during our annual convention is one fulfillment of this goal.

Another, for a select few, is the pursuit of higher educational training. We support this effort with scholarships designed to further develop your leadership choices. As a result, we ask that all Central Texas Leadership Training for Christ Graves and Elrod Leadership Scholarship recipients, who accept these scholarship funds, agree to abide by a morality clause.

Ministry Responsibility

Central Texas Leadership Training for Christ (from this point forward referred to as “CTLTC”) is a non-profit religious organization substantially controlled and supported by the beliefs, tenets and teachings of the Church of Christ. More importantly, the CTLTC organization is a community of believers representing numerous Church of Christ congregations who have joined together to meet the spiritual, leadership and training needs of the youth in these individual congregations.

Our organization promotes behaviors consistent with Scripture. Consequently, when applying for the Graves and Elrod Leadership Scholarship, you freely and willingly agree to the standards of behavior outlined in this policy. These standards are not exhaustive; rather, they provide a guideline of conduct we believe all young Christian leaders should exhibit and align with our beliefs on morality and behavior in accordance with biblical standards. While we can't control your conduct and lifestyle once you begin your collegiate journey, we hope this clause will shape how you start by helping you determine the best path as you prepare for college.

As a recipient of a CTLTC Leadership Scholarship, we are proud that you will represent yourself, your family, your local church and CTLTC, in the weeks and months leading up to your first day of college. We want to encourage you to keep your life above reproach. That's why the following standards of conduct shall apply not only for the time between awarding you this Scholarship and the start of school but, we hope, throughout your life:

- God's Word teaches that certain attributes are desired, including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (**Galatians 5:22 – 24**). These attributes are to be sought, encouraged and demonstrated in our conduct and relationships
- Scripture also teaches that certain attributes are to be avoided, including theft, lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, backbiting, profanity, vulgarity, sexual promiscuity, drunkenness and immodesty of dress (**Galatians 5:16 – 21**).
- Scholarship recipients are expected to show Christian concern in their leadership, interactions with others and respect for family and church; as well as to join together with a body of believers for worship and fellowship on a regular basis.



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- CTLTC recognizes the danger to one’s physical and psychological well-being in the use of certain products. Therefore, scholarship recipients are to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, hallucinogenic drugs and substances, narcotics and prescription medications above and beyond prescribed intent as authorized by a physician.

While we consider our assistance in supporting your education a privilege and honor, it is also a responsibility that requires consideration.

That’s why we want to make our responsibility clear: If it is proven you have made choices, demonstrated a lifestyle or developed behaviors contrary to the teachings of the Bible between the CTLTC Convention when you were awarded the Graves and Elrod Leadership Scholarship and the request for these funds to be applied to the academic expenses of the school where you are enrolled, we reserve the right to invalidate this scholarship. In other words, we remind you of our right to terminate this scholarship if the recipient fails, refuses or neglects to conform their personal conduct and lifestyle to the standards of good citizenship as expressed within the teachings of Jesus Christ and the New Testament.

Our goal is to encourage you.

So, as part of the Graves and Elrod Leadership Scholarship application package, we need you (and your parent or legal guardian if you will not be 18 years of age when you begin college) to sign this document, acknowledging your understanding and acceptance of our guidelines and support for your continued display of healthy, positive and godly Christian leadership:

Signature of applicant

Printed Name of applicant

Date signed

Signature of parent or legal guardian
(only if applicant will not be 18 years of
age when they begin college)

Printed Name of parent of legal guardian

Date signed

