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Matching Scholarship Guidelines

Pensacola Christian College offers matching funds for scholarships provided by Churches and Christian Schools. To be considered for a PCC Matching Scholarship, the Matching Scholarship Agreement and Payment Form must be completed prior to the first anticipated grant. Scholarship payments for the fall semester must be made by September 15, and for the spring semester, by February 15 Scholarship checks should be made out to Pensacola Christian College.

Pensacola Christian College will match scholarship gifts for current PCC students up to, but not exceeding, \$1,000 per academic year per student. Any amount given by the church/school above \$1000 will be applied to the student's account but will not be matched. The following is a list of scholarship provisions and requirements for the PCC Matching Scholarship Program, which must be thoroughly reviewed and followed by the participating church and student:

- 1. The scholarship program applies to full-time undergraduate students who declare a four-year major. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- 2. This matching scholarship program is a unique partnership with schools in which the student attended or churches who want to sponsor an active member of their church.
- 3. The scholarship program only matches funds from churches or schools that acknowledge that students must align with PCC Articles of Faith while enrolled, and the student may not proselytize fellow students or propagate doctrine contrary to our sincerely held beliefs.
- 4. The church/school must verify that the student is an active member of the church or has graduated from the school. By listing the student's name(s) on the Payment form, the church/school affirms that the signing official recommending the student is not a family relation to the student.
- 5. A student who has been granted the Pensacola Christian College Fourth-Year Tuition-Free scholarship is not eligible to receive matching funds from the PCC Matching scholarship concurrently with the Fourth-Year Tuition-Free scholarship.
- 6. Scholarships under this agreement are limited to a \$1,000 PCC match per academic year per student. A minimum gift of \$250 per student given at one time is required to qualify for matching funds. The student may only receive matching funds from one church per academic year.
- 7. Scholarship funds given to PCC should originate from the church or school and cannot come solely from the student, the student's family, or friends who give to benefit a specific student. All transactions are directly from church or school to college. This matching program will be consistent with Federal IRS Regulations that restrict donors from financially supporting individuals through scholarships for the purpose of obtaining a tax benefit. Further, the church's or school's accounts cannot be used as pass-through accounts to submit funds for a specific student to receive matched funds from PCC. Any questions regarding this issue should be independently directed to an attorney, CPA, or tax consultant.
- 8. The church's/school's Matching gift disbursements should be payable to Pensacola Christian College and sent to the Scholarship Office. The PCC Matching Scholarship Payment Form must accompany payment by check. Church funds will be applied to the student's account upon receipt. PCC matching contributions will be posted to the students' accounts on October 1 and/or March 1, if

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church funds are received prior to the date.

- 9. The Scholarship Office reserves the right to request additional documentation from the church/school participating in the PCC's Matching Scholarship Program. PCC will make the final determination related to eligibility questions for a specific student or church/school.
- 10. If a student is disqualified, withdraws, or is dismissed, any church payments applied to the student's account will remain on their account, as removing already posted funds would cause additional hardship for the student. The student will forfeit the matching amount if the matching funds have not been applied.

If the matching funds have been applied to the student's account, the funds will remain on the student's account.

11. Submit a *Matching Scholarship Payment Form* online at pcci.edu or mail with payment to:
Pensacola Christian College
Attn: Scholarship Office, A-4
P.O. Box 18000

BusinessOffice@pcci.edu

Pensacola, FL 32523