



GEORGE P. HICKS

EDUCATIONAL GIFT FUND

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."
— Proverbs 3:5–6

About the Fund

The George P. Hicks Educational Gift Fund provides a one-time financial award (up to \$1,000) to eligible high school graduates or GED recipients who are members of Largo Community Church. The fund supports students entering accredited two- or four-year institutions of higher education.

Objectives

- Promote educational advancement among church members
- Recognize and support students pursuing post-secondary education

Application Instructions

- Carefully review qualifications before completing the application
- Complete all sections thoroughly
- Submit application with all required documentation

Submission Deadline

Sunday, June 6, 2026

By 10:00 AM

Submit to: Sunday School Office

IMPORTANT

This page, once signed by the Sunday School Office, serves as your receipt confirming submission.

Mail Submission Reminder

- Record the date sent
- Confirm receipt independently
- Keep a copy of all documents (the church office will not provide copies)

Office Use Only

Received By (Print & Sign):

Date Received:

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Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be an active member of Largo Community Church (completed membership class, received right hand of fellowship, and been involved for a minimum of 2 years), or have a parent who meets these requirements.
- Be a high school graduate or GED recipient.
- Be accepted to and planning to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college/university within 12 months of high school/GED completion.
- Demonstrate leadership and community service.
- Submit a completed, signed application with all supporting documents.

Required Documents:

- Copy of high school diploma or GED certificate (with school seal).
 - Official transcript signed by school official.
 - Proof of college acceptance and enrollment.
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Award Distribution:

- Awards will be announced **by July 2026**.
 - Funds will be disbursed before the recipient's college start date, **upon submission of enrollment confirmation** (e.g., class schedule, official enrollment letter, or receipt).
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ABOUT GEORGE PRESTON HICKS

George Preston Hicks was a lifelong educator, military veteran, family man, and servant leader whose legacy continues to impact generations through his commitment to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service.

Born on April 9, 1921, in Texarkana, Texas, to Floyd and Delia Hicks, George was a determined and disciplined student from an early age. Despite the financial hardships his family faced, he remained focused on his dream of higher education. After graduating from Macedonia High School, he took odd jobs during high school to support his family and, with less than \$10 in his pocket, set out for Bishop College believing that faith and hard work would open the doors to opportunity. He was right. He secured a job on campus and another at a local store to fund his education.

George's studies were interrupted by World War II, where he served in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Bishop College and completed his degree in Biology in 1948. As a student, he was highly involved in campus life and was elected Vice President of the Junior Class and President of the Senior Class.

Never one to settle, George pursued graduate studies while working full-time in education. He earned his M.S. from Prairie View A&M University in 1956, and later, his M.A. from Fisk University in 1966. He also completed further studies at the State University of New York at Brockport.

Mr. Hicks began his career in education as a sixth-grade teacher at Quitman School in Texas. He went on to teach biology and then served as principal at his former high school in Macedonia for 16 years. In 1969, he relocated to Rochester, New York, where he served as principal of George Mather Forbes School #4 for 17 years until his retirement.

His contributions extended well beyond the classroom. George was a devoted Christian, serving as a deacon at both Macedonia Baptist Church and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, and later as a Board of Directors member at Largo Community Church. He believed deeply in living a life of service—professionally, spiritually, and personally.

George Preston Hicks was admired for his humility, wisdom, and integrity. He was a soft-spoken, yet firm leader, a mentor to countless young people, and a pillar in his church and community. He devoted 37 years to public education, influencing and uplifting youth in Texas and New York. His unwavering belief in the power of education and faith serves as the foundation of this scholarship fund, which continues to honor his life's mission.

His legacy lives on through his beloved family—his wife Doris Askew Hicks, daughter Sherra Hicks Chappelle, son-in-law Dr. Edward H. Chappelle, and grandchildren Edward III (C.J.) and April Chappelle—all of whom are proud members of the Largo Community Church family.

PART I: APPLICATION FORM

Biographical Information

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LCC Membership Class Completion Date: _____

Baptized? Yes No If yes, date: _____

How long have you attended LCC? _____

Education

High School Attended: _____

City, State _____

Graduation Date: _____

Awards/Honors Received:

- _____
- _____

Colleges/Universities Applied To (Include city and state):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Colleges Accepted To:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Institution You Plan to Attend (Include acceptance letter):

- _____
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PART II: SPIRITUAL GROWTH

(Please type responses and attach as a separate document)

- 1. What is your salvation experience? How did you come to know Christ?
 - 2. How would you describe your current spiritual life and relationship with God?
 - 3. How could you improve your relationship with God?
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PART III: LCC ACTIVITIES

Please list LCC activities you've participated in (especially in the past 12 months):

Examples include: Lock-ins, retreats, sports teams, teen Bible study, youth dance ministry, mission trips, etc.

Activity	Date of Participation
1.	
2.	
3.	

PART IV: COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

You must have completed at least 5 hours of LCC-related community service in the past school year.

Service Description & LCC Sponsor Date & Hours Served

Areas of Volunteering:

- **LCC Sunday School Volunteer (Classroom):** _____
 - **Vacation Bible School (Date and Role):** _____
 - **Community Service/Outreach (e.g., feed the homeless):** _____
 - **Other:** _____
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SIGNATURES

By signing this application, I confirm that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____