THE REV. BILLY KIRK LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Rev. Billy Kirk Leadership Award honors a man who served as a pastor and leader in the South Bend community for almost 50 years. In addition to being a Bethel College student in the 1950s, Rev. Kirk received an honorary doctorate from Bethel in 2001 recognizing his commitment to the South Bend/Mishawaka community. He embodied the intellectual curiosity, desire for stronger community and spiritual commitment for which we all should strive. This award opens the door for students to freely pursue their life calling and leadership development.

These scholarships are intended to assist minority culture students in their pursuit of a Christian education at Bethel College. The scholarship award amounts vary from $6,000 to $8,000 per academic year and are renewable. Renewal is contingent upon maintaining satisfactory standing with the award guidelines.

APPLICATION PROCESS  BethelCollege.edu/Apply

Submit a Bethel College application for admission by Jan. 1
- Official high school transcript
- Official ACT and/or SAT score

Submit Rev. Billy Kirk Leadership Application (BKLA) by Jan. 1
- One-page essay describing your vision for leadership
- Two references: academic (teacher); character (pastor)
- List of extracurricular involvement (school, church, community)

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION
- All scholarship materials submitted by the BKLA deadline (Jan. 1)
- Minimum GPA 2.5/4.0 scale or top 1/3 of class
- Personal interview
- Outstanding/excellent leadership activities/references
- Must be able to attend workshops at Bethel during senior year of high school

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND MAINTAINING SCHOLARSHIP

Senior year of high school - on the Bethel College campus
- Participate in precollege leadership sessions on campus
- Attend summer leadership retreat
- Attend BKLA banquet

As a Bethel College student
- Participate in BKLA groups
- Participate in mentor program
- Attend two BKLA retreats per year
- Maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Live on campus
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print)

Name __________________________________________________________

Phone number ( ) __________________________
Area Code Number

Address _______________________________________________________
Street City State Zip

Intended major ____________________________________________________

Home church ________________________________________________
City State

Pastor’s name __________________________________________________

Submit the following materials to be considered for this award:

• A completed application for admission to the Bethel College admission office.

• A one-page (350-450 words) personal essay describing your vision for leadership. Remember to include your name on your essay.

• A reference form and letter from the senior pastor or youth pastor at your church that includes an assessment of your Christian commitment and leadership in addition to your character.

• A reference form and letter from a teacher assessing your academic strengths.

• A list of extracurricular activities.

Return this application and required materials, postmarked by Jan. 1:

Bethel College Office of Admission
1001 Bethel Circle, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
List your principal extracurricular, community and church activities in the order of interest to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instruments played, offices held, varsity letter earned, etc. Also list any volunteer work or jobs held. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

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Within the context of its religious principles, heritage and mission, Bethel College admits students of any race, national or ethnic origin, age or gender to its programs and activities. It does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic or other college-administered programs.
TO THE APPLICANT (please print) After completing this section, give this form to the referent.

Student name _____________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

TO THE REFERENT

The Rev. Billy Kirk Leadership Award is a scholarship intended to assist minority culture students in their pursuit of a Christian arts and sciences education at Bethel College. We find candid evaluations helpful in choosing from among highly qualified candidates. We are primarily interested in your assessment about the applicant’s Christian commitment, character and their potential for leadership. Please submit your letter of reference and this form by Jan. 1.

REFERENT INFORMATION (please print)

Name _____________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________

Church _____________________________________________________________

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How long have you known this student and in what context? _____________________________________________________________

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student? _____________________________________________________________

Do you know of any areas in which the applicant might need special attention?  □ No  □ Yes (If yes, please explain in your letter.)

□ I prefer to discuss this further. Please call me at this number during the day ________________

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (to be submitted with this form)

Please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the candidate’s spiritual walk, motivation, relative maturity, integrity, independence, originality, initiative, leadership potential, capacity for growth, special talents and enthusiasm. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others.

EVALUATION

Compared to other students, indicate (✓) your evaluation of this student in terms of Christian commitment, character and potential for ministry.

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Address __________________________________________________________
Street  City  State  Zip  Intended major ___________________________

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Address __________________________________________________________
Street  City  State  Zip  Phone ____________________________  Area code ____________________________  Number ____________________________  Ext. ____________________________
Church ____________________________  Denomination ____________________________

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