

Word of Life Scholarship

INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET



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FAQ

What is WOL Scholarship?

One of our core values as a youth ministry is to help students develop their own faith by learning how to prioritize spiritual disciplines. Offering WOL Scholarship is one way we seek to implement this value. WOL Scholarship provides a measurable way for parents and small group leaders to hold students accountable by tracking these spiritual disciplines throughout the year. The goal is accountability and growth in order to, Lord-willing, establish life-long habits.

How can students *earn* WOL Scholarship?

Students have eight different categories in which they can earn scholarship throughout the year; attendance, quiet times, scripture memory, service, reading books, bringing friends, gospel conversations, and mobilizing. You can find a breakdown of each of these categories, what is required, and how many points can be earned per category in the WOL Scholarship Overview section.

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How many points are required to receive scholarship?

WOL Scholarship begins the first night of youth in August and ends on May 31 each year. A total of 500 points are required to earn scholarship, but each category has a limit of points students can earn. Please read the next section to find out more.

What are the incentives WOL provides for completing scholarship?

Your student can go to WOL Summer Camp for free if they earned scholarship the current youth year. For example, if your student earns scholarship during the 2023-2024 year, they can go to summer camp for free during the summer of 2024. Your student can also go to Reverb for free if they earned scholarship the previous year.

How can I check my student's points?

You can check your student's WOL points by checking with your student's small group leader on Wednesday night or emailing the youth office at studentministries@hbclynchburg.com

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OVERVIEW

- 1 Attendance
- 2 Quiet Time
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- 4 Service
- 5 Read Books
- 6 Bring Friends
- 7 Gospel Conversations
- 8 Mobilize

Here is a breakdown of each category required for scholarship, an explanation of its purpose, what is required, and how many points can be earned per category.

1 Attendance

PURPOSE

We want our students to gain a lifelong understanding of the importance of being involved in the local church during their time in youth ministry. As we see throughout Scripture, church attendance is God's will for believers so we must "not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25). Our prayer is students will know and understand all of the reasons why believers in Christ should attend church, and they will find joy in being with the body on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn TWO points every Wednesday night they attend for up to TWENTY Wednesday nights**

We want students to prioritize coming to church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. However, WOL scholarship only counts Wednesday night attendance for this scholarship section.

- **Students can count the first TWENTY nights and can earn a maximum number of FORTY points for this section.**

We want students to prioritize coming to youth every Wednesday night, however, they can only count the first twenty nights because WOL wants students to focus on all of the different sections instead of just one.

2

Quiet Time

PURPOSE

Reading and studying scripture is a vital aspect of every believer's walk with Christ. Scripture is God's very word to us (2 Timothy 3:16) and through it, we learn about God's character and His plan for redemption. As we see in John 15, we cannot bear fruit apart from Christ, so our prayer is students will desire to abide in Christ throughout their life by spending time in His Word daily.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn ONE point for every quiet time they complete for up to 200 quiet times.**

WOL does require students to purchase a WOL Interactive OR Commentary quiet time book at the beginning of the year (available at the beginning of the year at the Youth Info Desk) to complete these quiet times. While students can only earn points from completing the WOL Quiet Time (per WOL rules), we definitely encourage students to study Scripture in other ways in addition to this devotional!

- **Students can earn up to 200 points for this section**

We want students to prioritize daily quiet times throughout the entire year, but they can only count 200 for the year because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.

3

Scripture Memory

PURPOSE

We want to help our students learn to hide the Word of God in their hearts by memorizing scripture during their time in youth ministry. The Word of God is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), so memorizing Bible verses is a great way to meditate on Scripture, to know truth, to be prepared for spiritual warfare, and to be ready to share truth with others.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn FIVE points for every verse they memorize for up to 24 verses.**

Here is the list of WOL Scripture Memory Verses that teens can memorize this year. We also encourage small groups to memorize passages of scripture together. If your small group would like to memorize a passage of scripture (such as John 15 or a Psalm) you can earn ALL your points for this section. Just make sure to reach out to Pastor Nathan beforehand for approval of the passage.

- **Students can earn up to 120 points for this section**

We want students to memorize as many verses as they want for the year, but they can only count 24 because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.

4 Service

PURPOSE

One of our values as a youth ministry is to give teens opportunities to serve with joy. Jesus' life was marked by service (Mark 10:45), so as followers of Him, we are called to serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13). Our prayer is teens will understand serving in various ways, both in and out of the church, is an act of worship to Christ.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn FIVE points for every service they complete up to 16 times.**

There are many ways teens can serve at Heritage throughout the year. You can see all the different options on the [Volunteer Catalog](#), but a few options are serving in nursery or preschool, serving as an usher on Sunday mornings, helping with facilities, or teaching ESL to children. There are many ways to serve outside the church as well. We encourage small groups to pick a day to serve together with one of our [Outreach Partners](#), such as Parkview Community Mission.

- **Students can earn up to 80 points for this section**

We want students to discover ways to get connected with ways to continually serve throughout the year. However, they can only count 16 times of service for the year because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.

5

Read Books

PURPOSE

One of Pastor Nathan's passions is to resource our youth ministry (teens, leaders, and parents) with Biblically-based resources that aid in spiritual growth and development. Reading books recommended by Pastor Nathan, and other pastors and staff at Heritage, is a great way for teens to learn and grow in their faith throughout the year.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn TEN points for every book they read up to THREE books.**

We have put together a list of books highly recommended by Pastor Nathan and the rest of the staff team. You can access the list [HERE](#). If a book you are wanting to read is not on this list, check with Pastor Nathan to see if that book would be approved for scholarship.

- **Students can earn up to 30 points for this section**

We want students to read as many books as they desire during the year, but they can only count three because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.

6

Bring Friends

PURPOSE

Our desire is for teens that do not attend Heritage to be welcomed into church community, to hear the teaching of God's Word, and to be introduced to Jesus if they are not already believers in Christ, with the hope that they will get connected with our church. We encourage our teens to prayerfully consider inviting their friends to youth group on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and to our youth events throughout the year because it is an incredible way for our teens to do just this!

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn FIVE points for every friend they bring for up to TEN friends.**

WOL requires teens to invite ten different friends to either youth group or an event to count it as points for scholarship.

- **Students can earn up to 50 points for this section**

We want students to invite multiple friends throughout the year but they can only count 50 points for the year because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.

7 Gospel Conversations

PURPOSE

Our prayer is students will desire to share their faith with others out of an overflow of understanding gospel truth. We hope that students will understand that Jesus tells His followers to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19) and that they should pray for opportunities to share their faith. This section of WOL scholarship helps challenge students to step out of their comfort zone and have gospel conversations with their friends who do not know Jesus.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn TEN points for every gospel conversation that they have for up to TEN conversations.**

For a gospel conversation to count towards scholarship, at least one essential aspect of the gospel must be communicated and discussed with an unbeliever. The student will be required to share details of the conversation that they had with their small group leader for it to be approved.

- **Students can earn up to 100 points for this section**

Students can only count up to ten conversations for the year, because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.

8 Mobilize

PURPOSE

The purpose of the mobilize section of the WOL scholarship is to train students in how to disciple new believers. The Biblical command of discipleship (Matthew 28:19) provides new believers with a foundational understanding of what it looks like to follow Christ and is key to spiritual growth and development. Our prayer is that as our students are being discipled during their time in youth, they would disciple new believers as well.

POINT BREAKDOWN

- **Students earn FIVE points for every mobilize meeting they complete for up to TWELVE times.**

A mobilize meeting counts for scholarship when a student meets with a new believer with the intent of discipling them in what it looks like to follow Christ. Students can mobilize the same student and count each meeting they have towards scholarship. WOL provides some mobilize lessons in the back of the Interactive and Commentary Quiet Time books that students can use as guides for mobilize meetings.

- **Students can earn up to 60 points for this section**

Students can only count up to TWELVE mobilize meetings for the year, because WOL wants students to prioritize all of the different sections instead of just one.