

Dear Christian Church,

DeoSound Songwriting Scholarships & Awards

The world needs to hear words of Life. God has gifted talented songwriters - likely even in your own congregation - to bring these words of Life to the world through music.

DeoSound is offering scholarships of up to \$1000 to help make it happen.

- Three scholarships will be awarded based on a submission of an original Christian composition, music plus words. Entries will be judged on scriptural faithfulness as well as music, and may be of any musical style from hymns to spoken word.
- The cash scholarships can be used to further Christian music education. Alternatively, winners may choose an award consisting of professional-quality studio recording time, plus entry to the Songwriters' Boot Camp at the Christian Musician Summit in Buffalo, NY, where with other Christian songwriters their song will be critiqued by label-signed Christian artists and industry professionals.
- To encourage Christian songwriters to make their work freely available for non-commercial use, all submissions are made under a free Creative Commons license. This preserves commercial rights for songwriters, while making it legal for God to use the music in churches like yours.

We invite you to bring these scholarships to the attention of musicians and songwriters in your congregation. For your convenience, a draft of a short announcement suitable for a bulletin is attached, as well as a small poster for your notice board.

You might also consider forwarding the information to your worship team, youth group, organist or choir director - they may know who your songwriters are. We are especially interested in encouraging young songwriters, but scholarships are open to everyone.

Submissions must be made by March 15, 2012. Scholarships and awards are fully funded by private donors, and there are no fees or costs for entrants.

DeoSound is non-profit ministry bringing God's word to the world through free Christian music. DeoSound is active in producing Christian music, developing Christian songwriters and musicians, and encouraging the Christian community to share God's saving word free of charge wherever possible. Further information on DeoSound, as well as complete rules for the songwriting awards, is available at **DeoSound.org/contest**.

Thank you for helping to bring Life to the world through music!

Yours sincerely,

John Sinton
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Draft Announcement for Bulletin

DeoSound 2012 Christian Songwriting Competition

Scholarships and awards up to \$1000 are being offered through a Christian songwriting competition. There is no cost to enter. Open to people of all ages (parental permission needed if under 18). The contest closes March 15. Full details at DeoSound.org/contest.