

**The Morgan Faith Surles Achievement Award**  
**&**  
**The Sara Brooke Blackman Achievement Award**  
**Scholarship**

**Purpose:** The purpose of The Morgan Faith Surles Achievement Award and The Sara Brooke Blackman Achievement Award is to bestow achievement awards upon two Wake Christian Academy seniors who demonstrate achievement in the following areas: Academics, Student Leadership, Christian Character, and Civic Involvement.

**Award:** \$500.00 applied to WCA tuition for the senior year

**Requirements:**

Academics: Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5

Student Leadership: Must have been involved in some form of leadership at WCA during the Junior year

Christian Character: Must have a strong Christian testimony

Civic Involvement: Must be involved in volunteer community service

**Application:**

Complete the essay application and email the essay to:  
[pamgriffin@wakechristianacademy.com](mailto:pamgriffin@wakechristianacademy.com)

Please type "Surles Blackman Essay" in the subject line.

The application process is open from **September 6 through September 21** (no applications will be accepted after September 21).

**Process:**

Applications will be reviewed by an independent scholarship committee and the recipients will be announced October 23, 2018. Recipients may not be related to anyone serving on the scholarship committee.

**Exclusions:**

Should a recipient fail to complete the senior year at WCA the scholarship will be rescinded.

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**Essay Guidelines**

In an essay, please discuss the high school accomplishments that set you apart as a strong candidate for an achievement award. Your essay should include the following:

1. **Introduction.** In your opening paragraph, include your name and briefly introduce yourself.
2. **Academic Effort.** In the next paragraph, discuss your academic effort, including areas in which you have challenged yourself to grow intellectually during high school.
3. **Student Leadership.** Provide a paragraph addressing your student leadership, including formal and informal leadership roles. Do not merely list leadership positions. Discuss specific leadership qualities you possess, and provide examples of how you have demonstrated those skills in high school.
4. **Christian Testimony.** In the next paragraph, discuss your Christian testimony. How have you grown as a Christian during high school? In what specific ways have you attempted to live out your faith?
5. **Civic Involvement.** Describe the area(s) in which you are or have been an active volunteer in your community in the last year. Discuss your contribution to the community and explain how the experience has impacted you.
6. **Conclusion.** Reflect on the areas that you see as your greatest strengths and weaknesses. (Strong applicants need not be superhuman with equal strengths in all areas.) How do you see yourself addressing weaknesses and/or continuing to use your strengths to impact others in the future?

Essays will be used to assess your commitment to excellence, as well as your high school accomplishments. Essays should reflect clear, thoughtful reflection and be edited for style and grammar.

Length: 350-500 words

Format: Double-spaced in Time New Roman 12-point font

Margins: 1-inch margins