

First Presbyterian Church

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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for applying for a First Presbyterian Church Scholarship. We believe that education is extremely important and we are so fortunate to have the ability to assist our congregation in fulfilling their future educational needs.

To aid us in choosing our scholarship recipients, please fill out the attached form, including all requested additional information, and return it to the Counseling Office by Feb. 23. The Mission Committee will meet soon after to select our recipients. For new scholarship applicants, you will be notified at the CCSD Scholarship Night. Continuing Education Applicants will be sent a letter notifying them of our decision.

Please remember that all applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for a scholarship:

1. Applicant must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church.
 - a. Applicant must be an attending/tithing member, with reasonable exceptions, at least 50% of the time attending church/Akaloo.
 - b. Hopefully parents of applicant should be active and/or tithing.
(New membership classes are offered periodically throughout the year. You are encouraged to take part in these.)

Full Time – Minimum of 12 hrs/Semester = \$1,000/yr.

Minimum of 8 credit hours for a Master's or Doctorate degree = \$1,000/yr.

Part Time – Minimum of 6 hrs/Semester = \$500/yr.

Minimum of 4 credit hours for a Master's or Doctorate degree = \$500/yr.

3. Applicant must submit evidence of academic achievement maintaining a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.7 or better.

Again, Congratulations on beginning a new chapter in your life. We are excited to be a part of your new adventure and wish you the very best!

Sincerely,

Education Scholarship Committee

First Presbyterian Church

Scholarship Guidelines & Policies

The First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Board will be made up of the Mission Committee who wishes to make the following information known to all scholarship applicants:

The Mission Committee has been selected and appointed as impartial, discerning administrators, accept the challenge of governance of the First Presbyterian Scholarship Program acting in good faith and within the First Presbyterian Churches scholarship policy with full accord of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Gillette, Wyoming.

Application Requirements: First time applicants must complete 1-4. Continuing Education applicants must complete 1 & 3.

1. Completed application form
2. Essay
3. Transcript of high school/college credits
4. Personal letters of recommendation/reference (3)
5. Scholarship can be used for a total of four years.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Applicant must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church.
 - a. Applicant must be an attending or giving member, at least 50% of the time attending church/Akaloo.
 - b. Hopefully parents of applicant should be active and/or tithing.
(New member classes are offered periodically throughout the year. You are encouraged to take part in these if you are not already a member.)
2. Applicant may be a full-time or part-time student for the year applying for scholarship.
Full Time – Minimum of 12 hrs/Semester = \$1,000/yr.
Minimum of 8 credit hours for a Master's or Doctorate degree = \$1,000/yr.
Part Time – Minimum of 6 hrs/Semester = \$500/yr.
Minimum of 4 credit hours for a Master's or Doctorate degree = \$500/yr.
3. Every applicant must submit evidence of academic achievement maintaining a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.7 or better.

Scholarships & Disbursement:

Scholarship funds may be used to acquire a college degree, continuing education, technical school, cosmetology school, etc.

Initial Scholarships:

May be awarded up to \$1,000, that will be disbursed in \$500.00 increments throughout the first academic school year. Upon verification of enrollment, the first disbursement will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of your school before the beginning of the Fall Semester. The second disbursement will be sent in before the beginning of the Spring Semester again, after verification of enrollment and GPA of 2.7 or better.

Ongoing Scholarships:

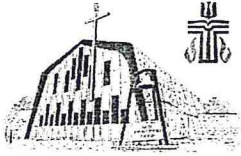
1. Must be applied for yearly and may be awarded up to \$1000 that will be disbursed in \$500.00 disbursements per semester for full time students. Upon verification of enrollment, the first disbursement will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of your school before the beginning of the Fall Semester. The second disbursement will be sent in before the beginning of the Spring Semester again, after verification of enrollment and GPA of 2.7 or better.
2. Part time students may be awarded up to \$500.00 per year that will be disbursed in \$250.00 disbursements per semester with verification of 2.7 GPA or better.
3.
 - New Applications for scholarship must be received by the April 1st deadline with transcripts due by June 1st.
 - Continuing applications must be received by May 1st with transcripts due by June 1st for the Fall semester scholarship and fall transcripts due by January 3rd to be eligible for the Spring semester scholarship (plus any other requirements requested by Mission Committee).

- The Essay and Letters of Recommendation are optional for renewal applications.
- A note of thanks would be greatly appreciated by the Mission Committee.

Scholarship Policies

- 1. Deferment Policies** – Scholarships may be deferred by students who interrupt their education for church service, military service or medical reasons. A written notification must be submitted to the Mission Committee explaining the reason for deferment, when the student is leaving and when they expect to return. To reinstate the scholarship, the student must notify the Mission Committee two months prior to their return. Deferment is limited to 30 months.
- 2. Deadlines** – Scholarship applications must be submitted before April 1st for Fall scholarship and January 3rd for Spring scholarship.
- 3. Funds are Specific** – All scholarships are specific for the purpose they are awarded. Disbursement is made directly to the Financial Aid office of the college or university specified in the application.
- 4. Other conditions** – Other situations not covered in these policies will be considered on an individual basis by the Mission Committee with final approval of the Session of First Presbyterian Church.
- 5. Questions** - Any questions should be referred to the Mission Committee.
- 6. Application Address** - Scholarship applications must be returned to the church office at 511 Carey Ave., Gillette, Wyoming. and postmarked by the April 1st deadline for new applications and January 3rd for Spring Semester Continuing education scholarships.
- 7. Policy Review** – A review of these policies shall take place annually by the Scholarship Committee.
- 8. Report to Mission** – Where applicable, the recipient of the scholarship may be requested to give a report to Mission Committee, Session or church congregation on what was learned or achieved at the conference, camp, training, etc.

(Reviewed and revised 6/30/11 – Scholarship Committee)



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Scholarship Application

Personal Information			
Applicant's Full Name:		Date of Application:	Received by FPC:
Physical Address, City, State, Zip:			
Mailing Address, City, State, Zip:			
Home Telephone :		Alternate Telephone:	Cell Phone #:
Date of Birth:	Social Security #:	E-mail Address:	
Father or Legal Guardian Name:		Father or Legal Guardian Employer:	
Father or Legal Guardian Address: (If different from above)			Annual Salary:
Mother or Legal Guardian Name:		Mother or Legal Guardian Employer:	
Mother or Legal Guardian Address: (If different from above)			Annual Salary:
Number of Adults in Home:	Number of Children in Home:	Number of Children in Home:	Financial Need: High/Med/Low
High School Information:			
Name of High School			
Date of Graduation:	Date of GED:	Number in Class:	Class Rank:
Church Membership & Community Involvement			
Are you an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Gillette?			Yes ___ No ___
Church Activities: Tell us about the activities you have participated in within the church.			
Community Involvement:			
School Activities:			
Other Activities:			

College Information:

Name of 1st Choice/Chosen College & Address:		Accepted: Yes ___ No ___	
Name of 2nd Choice College & Address:		Accepted: Yes ___ No ___	
Major Course of Study:		Minor Course of Study:	
Room/Board Expenses:	Tuition/Fees:	Books:	Total Estimated Expenses:
Expected Date of Completion			
Why do you desire to continue your education? What are your goals for the future?			

Signatures:

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:

Addition Information:

Essay and/or Personal Statement:

Essays must be typed, double-spaced, 1" margin, 250-500 words.

- A. What role has First Presbyterian Church and/or its youth programs played in your educational development throughout your youth? How will it influence you in the future?
- B. Discribe a circumstance that was influential in your education and your personal faith.

References (3):

Request a letter of recommendation from your:

- 1. Minister, Youth Group Sponsor or a member of First Presbyterian Church that has been involved in your Christian Education.
- 2. Teacher/Professor/Advisor.
- 3. One qualified person who is not a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Official Transcript of your grades

School Picture or Snapshot

All Application must be received by April 1st to be considered.