

**Graduating Senior  
Application**

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased you have decided to apply for a scholarship. The Presbyterian Church believes education is important, and we are glad to be a part of so many people's lives in this way. We are the recipients of generous church members who have given so much so that others may receive. To be the recipient of a scholarship is a great privilege.

The scholarships offered at the First Presbyterian Church have been applied for by many students. We cannot promise that each person who applies will receive a scholarship: it is incorrect to assume that a scholarship is guaranteed because one is a church member. The amounts awarded vary due to the money available each year and the nature of the criteria of the scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee has a difficult choice of selecting those who should receive the awards. There are many qualified applicants; the decision is based on the information you provide on the application form.

The following is required to insure that your application will be considered for the various scholarships:

1. The application provided by First Presbyterian Church MUST be used.
2. Application forms will be available in the church office and online at: [fpcfd.org/information/scholarship-applications/](http://fpcfd.org/information/scholarship-applications/) on February 1st.
3. Be sure the application is COMPLETE and LEGIBLE. Incomplete or improperly completed forms WILL NOT be considered. Be sure to read the application over when completed. Double check that it is complete!
4. Applications must be in THE CHURCH OFFICE by 1:00 pm April 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications turned in after that time will not be accepted.
5. Applicants WILL NOT be notified of any errors in their submissions. The applicant alone is responsible for the content of their application.
6. Include ALL information requested: a biographical sketch, involvement in the church, and church related activities.
7. A current letter (less than a year old) of recommendation from a school instructor or an employer. Do not ask a pastor, church staff member, or members of the First Presbyterian Church Congregation.
8. Include a transcript of grades.
9. Scholarships will be announced at a designated Sunday and will be awarded at class night for your school. A letter will be sent in May regarding the amount of scholarship money you will receive, please read this letter closely.
10. The Sergeant Scholarship has a separate and different form to be filled out.
11. We will list names of the scholarship recipients in the church bulletin and the newsletter.
12. **Please contact Amy Conlon for any of the following changes: Home or College address change; name change; and/or a change in schools or your enrollment status. The deadlines to communicate these changes are: 1<sup>st</sup> semester by July 15th; 2<sup>nd</sup> semester by December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please direct any additional questions or concerns to the Scholarship Committee. We can be reached using the church office number listed above.

Thank you, The Scholarship Committee

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GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION FORM

First Presbyterian Church

1111 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **DUE BY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> AT 1:00 PM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

CUMULATIVE GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL GUARDIAN 1'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LEGAL GUARDIAN 1'S OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL GUARDIAN 2'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LEGAL GUARDIAN 2'S OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SIBLINGS AT HOME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME \_\_\_\_\_ BELOW \$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ ABOVE \$50,000

NAME OF COLLEGE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR OR AREA OF INTEREST \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTERS ATTENDING THIS YEAR: \_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_ ONE (IF ONE, PLEASE SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_)

VOCATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL GOALS

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYMENT (PAST AND PRESENT)

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT:**

**ATTACH:** This essay is to be a narrative to help us to get to know you better, not a resume or a list of activities. At least one page, double spaced, 11-12 font size, normal margins.

**Answer the prompts:**

1. How have you seen God at work in your life in the last year?

**ATTACH:** Current recommendation from teacher or employer. (NOT from a church pastor, church employee, or Scholarship Committee Member at First Presbyterian Church.)

**ATTACH:** Current high school transcript.

## Checklist

- Please check to verify that you have read the directions for the application for any church scholarships.
  
- Please check to verify that you understand that the selection is a serious process, done with confidentiality and care.
  
- Please check to verify that you will abide by the decisions of the Scholarship Committee and are grateful for the opportunity of making an application.

Please check off the requirements and sign:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Application form is complete and legible
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Essay is included
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Current letter of recommendation is included
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Transcript of grades is included
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> is met and application is turned into the church office

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature

If applicant is under 18 years of age, a legal guardian signature is also requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Legal guardian's signature