First Presbyterian Church

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. Application forms will be available in the church office after February 1st.
2. 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!
3. Turn in the application to THE CHURCH OFFICE by April 1st.
4. Applicants WILL NOT be notified of any errors in their submissions. The applicant alone is responsible for the content of their application.
5. Include ALL information requested: a biographical sketch, involvement in the church, and church related activities.
6. A current letter (less than a year old) of recommendation from a school instructor or an employer. Do not ask a pastor or church staff member.
7. Include a transcript of grades.
8. Scholarships will be announced at Senior Sunday, the second Sunday in May, and will be awarded at class night for your school. A letter will be sent regarding the amount of scholarship money you will receive.
9. We will list names of the scholarship recipients in the church bulletin and the newsletter.
10. **You will need to provide the church with the college you wish to have the scholarship money sent to by June 1st. For the money to be sent, you will need to provide proof of enrollment to the church office.**

Thank you, The Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Guidelines and Criteria

**The Merlin & Ethyl Rufer Scholarship Trust**

1. Awards may be for undergraduate, graduate school, or advanced degrees
2. Recipients must have a grade point average equal to or exceeding the student body average at their respective high school (class rank) or have shown ability to show progress academically.
3. A candidate who receives this scholarship will be considered for aid the following year, but a new application must be submitted and aid is not guaranteed.
4. The trust requires that applicants be members of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa.
5. Grants are given for the full year rather than on a semester basis, half of the grant money will be paid to the school each semester.
6. Participation in the life of First Presbyterian Church or in another church while attending college or church related activities will be considered.
7. The funds will be sent to the registrar of the recipient’s college.
8. In the event that all of the funds are not used for any reason the remainder will be returned to the trust.

**The Lyle & Ruth Cook Scholarship Trust**

In 1997, the Cook Scholarship Trust was divided into six equal scholarships. The scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors.

1. Recipients must have a grade point average equal to or exceeding the student body average at their respective high school (class rank) or have shown ability to show progress academically.
2. The trust requires that applicants be members of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa.
3. Participation in the life of First Presbyterian Church or in another church while attending college or church related activities will be considered. Emphasis will be on active participation.
4. The funds will be sent to the registrar of the recipient’s college.
5. In the event that all of the funds are not used for any reason the remainder will be returned to the trust.

**The Daniel A Holmstrom Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was given in memory of Daniel A. Holmstrom, to be given to a high school graduate attending an accredited 4 year college or university.

**The Living Scholarship**

This scholarship is set up for the purpose of generating money for First Presbyterian Church’s graduating seniors, as well as church members already attending a four-year college, graduate school, master’s program, or vocational school. Interest accumulated yearly on this account is disbursed among applicants as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

**The Beulah & Leonard Nelson Scholarship**

This scholarship was given in memory of Beulah and Leonard Nelson to be given to a member of First Presbyterian Church for undergraduate studies.

**The Van Gundy Family Scholarship**

This scholarship was given by the Van Gundy family for students attending an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university or vocational education. There is no age limit for the student.

**The Willis & Virginia Cook Scholarship**

This scholarship will place emphasis on students with interests in music and the sciences.

**Seminary Scholarships & Amond Seminary Scolarship**

These scholarships are for an applicant raised and living in Fort Dodge who is going into the Presbyterian Ministry.

**Decker Family Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee

**Stanek Family Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee

**The Gloria & Dale Daggy Scholarship**

This scholarship is to be given to a Fort Dodge Senior High graduate who will be attending Iowa Central Community College. Student must have grade point of 2.5 or higher. Recipient will be chosen by the Daggy family.

**The Arthur E. & Virginia M. Sergeant Scholarship**

There is a separate form for this scholarship which can be picked up in the church office. It must be filled out in its entirety with all attachment requested. Incomplete or improperly filled out forms WILL NOT be considered. Selection is made by the Sergeant family.

**The David Crumley Music Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in music.

GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION FORM

First Presbyterian Church

1111 5th Avenue North, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **DUE BY APRIL 1st IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Check the name of the scholarships you are applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Merlin & Ethyl Rufer Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lyle & Ruth Cook Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel A. Holmstrom Memorial Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Living Scholarships

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Beulah & Leonard Nelson Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Van Gundy Family Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Willis & Virginia Cook Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Seminary Scholarships

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Decker Family Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Stanek Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gloria & Dale Daggy Scholarship (selected by the family)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Arthur & Virginia Sergeant Scholarship (selected by family- fill out **separate form**)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ David Crumley Music Scholarship

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

**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**CLASS RANK:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **CUMULATIVE GPA** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **ACT COMPOSITE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER’S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **MOTHER’S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER’S OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER’S OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT HOME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **FAMILY MEMBERS IN COLLEGE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FAMILY INCOME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Below $50,000** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Above $50,000**

**COLLEGE CHOSEN TO ATTEND:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PLANNED MAJOR OR AREA OF INTEREST:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE ATTENDING IN THE FALL: ­­­­­­**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VOCATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL GOALS:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT (Past and present):**

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT:**

**ATTACH: Biographical sketch written by “YOU” telling about yourself and your future goals. This is NOT a resume’ or a list of activities, but a narrative for us to get to know you better.**

**ATTACH: Current recommendation from teacher or employer. NOT from a church pastor or church employee.**

**ATTACH: Current high school transcript.**

Checklist

Please verify that you have read the directions for application for a church scholarship.

Please verify that you understand that the selection is a serious process, done with confidentiality and care.

Please 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. Biographical sketch is included

\_\_\_\_\_3. Current letter of recommendation is included

\_\_\_\_\_4. Transcript of grades is included

\_\_\_\_\_5. Deadline of April 1st is met and application is turned into the

church office

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant’s signature

If applicant is under 21 years of age, a parent signature is also requested.

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