

Requirements for Graduate Scholarships 2021-22

- Graduate student applicants **must have been a member of First Presbyterian Church** for a minimum of six years and have participated in our undergraduate scholarship program.
- Completed application forms **must be turned in no later than 5 pm on March 1st, 2021**. All requested information must be included. **Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.**
- An acceptance letter from your graduate school, along with the graduate degree program description, degree program requirements and course paradigm (which courses will be taken each semester of each year) must be submitted.
- A copy of your college diploma must be submitted.
- All recipients receiving financial assistance shall maintain their church membership and worship with First Presbyterian Church whenever possible.
- All recipients shall be and remain full-time students (as defined by their graduate school) while under the financial care, guidance and mentoring of this church. Any exception to this requirement shall require a recommendation from the Scholarship Team and approval by the Session.
- Lifestyle characteristics should be consistent with Christian values.
- Award recipients must notify the Scholarship Team of any change of mailing address, school, or student status within 30 days. A change in school or enrollment status may affect eligibility for scholarship assistance or award.
- A student must provide an official Fall transcript to the Scholarship Team no later than January 15 in order to receive a Spring scholarship check and a Spring transcript no later than June 15th to receive a Fall scholarship check.
- It is necessary to re-apply for the Graduate Scholarship by the designated deadline each year.
- All recipients shall correspond with their Mentor from the Scholarship Team. This correspondence shall at the least inform the committee of the recipient's progress, needs and scholastic status and preferably serve as a way to provide spiritual and emotional support in addition to the expected financial support
- Scholarship checks are payable to the school, not the student. Checks will be mailed to the student's home address. Checks are processed in July and January. It is the recipient's obligation to see that the check is cashed within 90 days of issuance. A charge of \$100 may be deducted from any scholarship check that requires reissuing due to a student's failure to communicate loss of check, change of address, etc.
- Consideration for a scholarship beyond the first year is based upon the student and his/her parents (or guardians) as continued worshipping and contributing members/participants of First Presbyterian Church. Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Scholarship Team.

Upon Graduation, recipients are strongly encouraged to contribute to this Scholarship Program so that others may receive like benefits.