

First Presbyterian Church Foundation Scholarships

Our foundation is able to distribute annual scholarships because of the wise and loving stewardship of several of our members including Margaret Hassinger, Glen and Dorothy Puder, Richard Hitchcock, the family of Jeff Sandidge and others. These scholarships are available provided the applicants or their parents are members of First Presbyterian Church or if the applicant is an active member of the FP Youth or College Groups.

Please observe the following instructions to enable uniform evaluation of all applicants. Read all of the instructions before you proceed with any part of the application and use black ink on all forms in order to ensure clear reproduction. If application and all information is not completed in full, the application will not be processed for further evaluation.

I. APPLICATION FORM

Complete this neatly in your own handwriting.

II. APPLICANT'S ESSAY

This must be typewritten and should elaborate on your background and objectives. Neatness and composition are important. Do not exceed two pages, single-spaced.

III. APPLICANT'S LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by two educators and/or mentors. High School Seniors only—at least one of your letters of recommendation must be completed by a teacher/counselor.

IV. TRANSCRIPTS

Graduating high school students must submit high school transcripts.
College applicants must submit college transcripts.
In all cases, please submit your grades for the preceding 2 years.

V. SUBMITTING INSTRUCTIONS

Applications may be turned in to the church office, mailed, or emailed (as a pdf).
First Presbyterian Church
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
1705 17th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
info@fpbchurch.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2026

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APPLICANT'S ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

This must be typewritten and should elaborate on your background and objectives/goals. Neatness and composition are important. Do not exceed 2 pages, single-spaced.

Please cover the following topics in your essay:

1. What are your career plans?
2. Describe extracurricular activities in high school or college, including offices held, etc.
3. Describe your activities in the local church.
4. Describe your activities in other Christian organizations.
5. For those preparing for ministry vocations, please prepare a brief statement of faith. If your intention is to attend seminary, please also add a statement of your sense of call.
6. For those preparing for non-ministry or 'secular' careers, how do you see your Christian faith impacting your work?

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TO THE APPLICANT: Two letters of recommendation must accompany your application and should be completed by two of your mentors (for high school seniors, at least one letter needs to be written by one of your teachers/counselors). Please provide the information below to the writers of your letters.

TO THE TEACHER/MENTOR OF THE APPLICANT: Please prepare and return to the applicant a letter of recommendation for scholarship purposes. If you prefer, letters can be mailed or emailed directly to the church at:

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Please include applicant's name on the envelope or subject line.

Please consider the following when writing your recommendation:

- Applicant's scholastic standing in class (GPA).
- Applicant's emotional maturity.
- Applicant's desire to succeed.
- In your opinion, is this person's education a good financial investment?
- Any other comments you would like the committee to know about the applicant.

Please include your name and relationship to the student. If a teacher, please include which subject you taught to the applicant.