

## **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Guidelines**

### **Scholarship Criteria**

- Student must participate in the community life at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo.
- Student must provide proof of enrollment as a full time undergraduate student entering their freshman year as defined by their college or technical institution.
- Student must provide proof of a GPA of 2.5 from their most recent academic institute.
- Student is eligible to apply for a one time scholarship and amounts will be awarded based on availability of funds.
- Student must complete an application and submit all required documentation to the church office prior to June 1 of each year.
- The application will require personal contact information, GPA transcript, proof of full time undergraduate enrollment, one letter of recommendation and a personal statement (at least 500 words not to exceed 1500 words) indicating educational goals, purpose, the gifts with which they have been blessed and how they will share those gifts. The applicant must also provide a brief statement on how their involvement at First Presbyterian Church has impacted their life.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced during a Sunday worship service in August. Their presence is strongly encouraged.
- Applications can be mailed to: First Presbyterian Church, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 650 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102
- Applicants who fall outside of this criterion may petition the scholarship committee for a variance of the requirements with preference given to entering college freshmen.

### **Disbursement**

- The available funds will include the yearly allocation from the Scholarship Support Fund and the Strum Endowment Fund. The Strum Endowment Fund must maintain a running allocation balance of at least \$5330.00 per the endowment guidelines.
- Scholarships shall not be greater than \$1000.00 per individual award.
- In the event that there are no eligible applicants, no award will be made. Funds from both the Strum Endowment Fund and the Scholarship Support Fund not used will held over for the next year.
- Disbursement of awards will be made directly to the recipient to be used according to their needs unless otherwise requested by the recipient.

### **Administrative Guidelines**

- The Youth Ministry Team consisting of the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and the youth group volunteer staff will oversee the application and awards process. They shall make selections based on an objective and non-discriminatory basis.
- If a parent of an applicant currently is serving on the Youth and Young Adult Ministry team, they will recuse themselves from the selection process. The team will then choose a member of the Educon Committee to fill that position for the scholarship selection process.
- EduCon will receive the recommendation of the Youth Ministry Team and present that recommendation to Session.
- The Youth Ministry Team along with the EduCon Committee has the ability to modify the application criteria and guidelines when warranted.