Pearl Clark Scholarship Fund



AWARD PROCEDURES

# Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting

get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 *KJV*



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**THE PEARL CLARK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURES**



The Pearl Clark Scholarship Fund (PCSF) Award was established in honor of the late Mother Pearl Clark. Mother Clark gave of her means to assist ministers and young people in the pursuit of higher education. Under the scholarship program, scholarship and book awards are given to students who are members of First Church, and who are accepted or enrolled in an institution of higher education.

The scholarship awards are given to college-bound high-school graduates and returning undergraduate students under the age of **25** who meet the eligibility criteria described below.

1. **Eligibility Requirements**

Each high school applicant must:

* + Be a member of First Church for at least one year
  + Be an active participant in **at least one ministry** of First Church. For example:
    - Bible Bowl, Usher Board, Youth Choir, Youth Sunday, etc
  + Be a high school graduate in the current year
  + Be accepted by an institution of higher education
  + Have a minimum Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 2.50
  + Agree to assist Pearl Clark Scholarship Fund Committee (PCSFC) in fundraising activities when in the local area
    - Students must contact a Pearl Clark Scholarship Fund Committee member to determine how they will assist in fundraising activities

Each returning undergraduate student must:

* + Be a member of First Church for at least one year
  + Regularly attend First Church when in the local area
  + Currently attend an institution of higher education
  + Have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.50
  + Agree to assist Pearl Clark Scholarship Fund Committee (PCSFC) in fundraising activities when in the local area
    - Students must contact a Pearl Clark Scholarship Fund Committee member to determine how they will assist in fundraising activities

1. **Pearl Clark Scholarship Categories and Awards Requirements**



**Categories Awards**

College-Bound High School Graduate Scholarship Award Returning Undergraduate Student Book Award

**Scholarship Awards Requirements**

1. Minimum G.P.A. of 2.50.
2. Member of First Church for at least one year.
3. Active member in at least one ministry of First Church (will be verified by the PCSFC)
4. Honors, awards, church service **and** community service.

**Book Awards Requirements**

1. Minimum G.P.A. of 2.50.
2. Member of First Church for at least one year.
3. Full-time college student.
4. Honors, awards, church, community **or** college service.
5. **Award Amounts**

**All award amounts are contingent upon annual funds raised. As such, they may be higher or lower from year to year. The award amount an applicant receives depends upon his/her submitted proof of G.P.A. See below for example award amounts:**

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| **G.P.A.** | **Scholarship Awards** | **Book Awards** |
| **2.50 – 2.99** | **$550** | **$100** |
| **3.00 – 3.49** | **$700** | **$150** |
| **3.50 – 3.99** | **$850** | **$200** |
| **4.00+** | **$1,000** | **$250** |

1. **Required Documents**



## High School Applicant

* Pearl Clark Scholarship Application Including Statement of Personal, Spiritual and Career Goals (PDF File)
* Letter of Acceptance (Email Attachment or Scanned and Saved as a PDF File)
* Proof of G.P.A. (Report card or Transcript) (Email Attachment or Scanned and Saved as a PDF File)
* Proof of Enrollment when Available or Award will be Forfeited (Email Attachment or Scanned and Saved as a PDF File)
* **Photo of Applicant (3 x 5, JPEG or JPG)**

## Returning Undergraduate College Student

* Pearl Clark Scholarship Application (PDF File)
* Letter of Acceptance (only if transferring) (Email Attachment or Scanned and Saved as a PDF File)
* Proof of G.P.A. (Transcript) (Email Attachment or Scanned and Saved as a PDF File)
* Proof of Enrollment when Available or Award will be Forfeited (Email Attachment or Scanned and Saved as a PDF File)
* **Photo of Applicant (3 x 5, JPEG or JPG)**

1. **Forfeiture of Funds**

**If a student does not attend college in the year that s/he receives a Pearl Clark Scholarship or Book Award, the funds must be returned to First Church within three months of receiving the award.**

1. **Application Retrieval and Submission Requirements DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FROM FIRST CHURCH WEBSITE AT**

[**www.firstchurchwash.org.**](http://www.firstchurchwash.org/) **APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND UNDER MINISTRIES, DISCIPLESHIP TEAM, SCHOLARSHIP.**

**SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN ONE EMAIL TO**

[**mailto:pearlclarkescholarship@gmail.com**](mailto:pearlclarkescholarship@gmail.com) **BY June 08, 2025 AND ACCORDING TO THE PEARL CLARK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURES.**

**HANDWRITTEN, INCOMPLETE, OR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE June 08, 2025 DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**