

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

For an application to be considered, a complete application must be received in the Administration Office at Grace Church by **Friday, June 25, 2019**. An incomplete application or an applicant who does not meet the criteria or the submission deadline will **not** be considered for a scholarship award. The Grace Church Scholarship Committee is committed to strictly adhering to these regulations and criteria and, in so doing, strives to honor the original intent of those who so very generously donated to make these scholarships possible.

Eligibility

1. The applicant may apply to any post high school program including college or university, community college, culinary arts school or technical school. Graduate school candidates are also eligible to apply for a Grace Church scholarship.
2. The APPLICANT must:
 - a. Be a member in good standing of Grace Episcopal Church. The canonical understanding of this means having received communion at least three times in the past year and being known to the treasurer as having supported the mission and ministry of the Church. (Given the fact the applicants are in college and not working full time, we take into consideration their support of the mission and ministry of Grace Church through non-financial means, which can be noted on the application or outlined in the cover letter.)
 - b. Be a high school graduate, or have a GED, or be accepted to a degree granting institution of higher learning (without necessarily having graduated from high school).

Application Requirements:

1. The Grace Church Application for Scholarship Funds (**ALL SECTIONS COMPLETE**).
2. A cover letter of approximately 250 words addressing the applicant's goals in seeking higher education as well as any information that would be important to the committee in making the decisions on the awards.
3. A transcript of the fall/spring semester including their most recent GPA.

Criteria for Making Awards:

1. The committee uses a three tiered, weighted point system to evaluate the applicants and determine the awards. It is based on the applicant's degree of:
 - a. Church activity and community service (40%)*
 - b. Academic achievement (30%) *
 - c. Financial need (30%)*

(*Given this system of scoring, it is imperative that the applicants submit a **complete** application).

Priority in Allocation of Funds:

1. If the need arises, due to an increase in applicants or a decrease in available funds, the following is the priority for the allocation of funds:
 - a. Undergraduate Education
 - b. Graduate School Education

Distribution of Funds:

1. Freshman Only: Half of the scholarship monies for your first semester will be given by August 1; the remaining half for your second semester will be disbursed by December 15.
2. All other applicants will receive the entire scholarship amount by August 1.

These regulations were adopted by the Scholarship Committee on September 26, 1989 and revised on November 14, 1995, March 20, 1997, August 9, 2000, May 31, 2001, and July 28, 2005.

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete all items.
2. Attach cover letter and latest transcript indicating your class standing. Transcript must be complete through spring semester before awards can be made.
3. Return completed application to:

Scholarship Committee
 Grace Episcopal Church
 133 School Street
 New Bedford, MA 02740

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM on June 25, 2019.

Date of Application _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____		Social Security #: _____	
Home Address: _____			
Street	City/State	Zip Code	
Telephone: _____		Email Address _____	
Your high school: _____		Year of Graduation: _____	
Institution accepted to and will attend: _____			
If applying to graduate school: Name of undergraduate institution: _____			
Degree earned _____		Year of Graduation _____	

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

Number of years a member of Grace Church: _____		Confirmed Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Regular attendance at church services: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
List involvement in specific church activities and the number of years involved.					
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years Involved</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years Involved</u>	<u>Volunteering</u>	<u>Years Involved</u>
Church School	_____	Junior Lector	_____	Bazaar	_____
Junior Usher	_____	Nursery	_____	Food Pantry	_____
Rite 13/J2A	_____	Youth Choir	_____	After School Program	_____
Youth Group	_____	Acolyte Guild	_____	Other _____	_____
Other _____	_____				
Service weighted by committee as 40 percent and considered as: Notable, Regular, Minimal, None.					
List involvement in community activities and number of years involved: _____					

FAMILY INFORMATION - If financially dependent on parents, other relative, or guardian, answer Part A. If not, answer Part B.

PART A.

Father's name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Mother's name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Marital status of parents: ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Separated ___ Widowed ___ Other

If divorced or separated, indicate parent with whom you are living and the support received from the other parent.

 ___ Father ___ Mother Support _____

Number of dependent brothers/sisters and their ages: _____ Number in college: _____

Any who have just recently graduated from college and when: _____

Name of other responsible relative or guardian, if applicable: _____

Address _____ Occupation _____

PART B

Marital status of applicant: ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Separated ___ Widowed ___ Single

Name of spouse (if applicable): _____ Occupation: _____

Number of dependent children and their ages: _____ Number in college _____

If divorced or separated, is there financial support for applicant and/or children? ___ Yes ___ No

APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION for the coming academic year

Anticipated Expenses

Cost of college for the coming academic year: Tuition _____ Fees _____ Room & Board _____
Books & Supplies _____ Transportation costs, if commuting _____

Financial Aid

Have you applied for financial aid? ____ Yes ____ No Do you qualify for financial aid? ____ Yes ____ No

If you answer "No" to one or both of the above, please explain why not: _____

If so, amount of aid expected _____

Loans

Have you applied for loans? ____ Yes ____ No How much? _____

What loan-load, if any, are you carrying now? _____

Trust Fund

Do you have a Trust Fund? ____ Yes ____ No List Principal: _____ Income: _____

Scholarships

Have you applied for scholarships Yes No

Did you receive a scholarship(s) for any one of the years you have attended college? Yes No

Which Scholarship(s)?

How much?

_____	_____
_____	_____

FAMILY INCOME - Use "adjusted gross income" from your Federal Tax Form as basis.

Please check appropriate space for annual family (parents) income:

Below \$30,000 \$30,000 - \$40,000 \$40,000 - \$50,000 \$50,000 - \$60,000

\$60,000 - \$75,000 \$75,000 - \$100,000 above \$100,000

Are you listed as a dependent on your parent's or parents' tax form?

Amount of help expected from this income this academic year: _____

Other sources of income and amount:

Social Security _____ Veteran's Benefits _____ Disability _____ Other _____

Recipients of awards are responsible for notifying the college of the amount of the award.

If there are any circumstances about your situation which you feel might be helpful to the committee, please explain in a letter accompanying this application. ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. Members of the Scholarship Committee are available to meet with anyone who would like to do so. Also, if anyone has any questions regarding the application process, or application to college, please call Grace Church at 508-993-0547.