

2026
First Presbyterian Church



*Scholarship Application
and Instructions*

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee of First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for individuals in our church community. To be eligible for consideration to receive a scholarship a student must be an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must be an active participant in the life of the church for at least three years. The awards are given for students at any level of study beyond high school. An applicant may receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years; these need not be consecutive years. Graduate students may apply for scholarships, providing they are within the four-year minimum.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarship Fund
Sorlie Scholarship

Church Vocation
Bachman-Snortland Scholarship

Sam & Bertha Merritt Scholarship

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Completed applications for a scholarship must be addressed to the Scholarship Committee of the church and filed with the church office by **4:30 pm, Friday, May 15th**.

The student should request a copy of his/her latest scholastic transcript from the high school, technical school or college they are attending, or last attended, be sent to the Scholarship Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck for delivery no later than **4:30 pm, Friday, May 15th**. This is likely to be the fall semester transcript for current students. Do not send a high school transcript if you are currently attending, or last attended, a technical school or college.

Two letters of recommendation are required:

- Do not resubmit letters from a prior application. New letters are required for each year an application is submitted.
- At least one of the letters must be from an academic reference from the educational institution the applicant is currently attending.
- Letters from educational institutions attended in the past will only be accepted if the applicant is not currently in school.
- The other letter may be from a member of the First Presbyterian Church congregation, an employer, service organization or another academic reference.

The applicant must provide a 1-3-page typed letter describing the following:

- His or her current church related activities at First Presbyterian Church, if attending high school and/or other faith related activities if attending college.
- School involvement
- Community involvement
- Career plans

There will be no discrimination as to nationality, sex, or race. The granting of these awards will be based on church life, academic record, personal character, and references. The amount of scholarship and designation of particular scholarship awarded will be determined solely by the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship winners will be advised by June 15th of each year. Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the college.

**ALL FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS & LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THE STATED DEADLINE OF
4:30 PM, FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 2026 TO BE CONSIDERED.
NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL

FULL LEGAL NAME	
FULL ADDRESS	
DATE OF BIRTH	
CURRENT PHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL OR GED CENTER	
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR	

COLLEGE NAME OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL	
COLLEGE ADDRESS OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL	
STATUS ENTERING NEXT YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN <input type="checkbox"/> SOPHOMORE <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATE SCHOOL

LETTERS FROM REFERENCES
 May be sent directly to the Scholarship Committee
 or sent with the applicant's letter and application form.

} **First Presbyterian Church**
214 East Thayer Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501
Attn: Scholarship Committee

LIST OF REFERENCES

ACADEMIC REFERENCE Provide the name and address of the person serving as your academic reference.	<p style="text-align: center;">Name & Address of Reference</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>
OTHER REFERENCE Provide the name and address of a member of the First Presbyterian Church congregation, an employer, service organization or another person serving as your other reference.	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Latest available official transcript from the school the applicant is currently attending (or last attended).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from the applicant, covering their current church related activities at First Presbyterian Church if attending high school, or faith related activities if attending college, and current community and school involvements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from an academic reference (may be mailed to the church separately).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from another reference (may be mailed to the church separately).

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT
TO CONFIRM THEIR COMPLETE APPLICATION HAS BEEN
RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE OF 4:30 PM, FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 2026.

YOU MAY CHECK ON YOUR APPLICATION BY CONTACTING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 701-223-6091
OR BY EMAILING: FINANCE@FPCBISMARCK.COM