

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*



Elder Dr. Ralph A. Martino, Sr., Senior Pastor

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.

I. 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, Daughters of Esther - Jewels of Jesus, Usher Board, Boyz to Men, Youth Choir, Youth Sunday
- 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

II. 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.

III. 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:

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

IV. 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)**

V. 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.

VI. Application Retrieval and Submission Requirements

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FROM FIRST CHURCH WEBSITE AT www.firstchurchwash.org. APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND UNDER MINISTRIES, DISCIPLESHIP TEAM, SCHOLARSHIP.

SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS IN ONE EMAIL TO <mailto:pearlclarkscholarship@gmail.com> BY **June 10, 2022 AND ACCORDING TO THE PEARL CLARK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURES.**

HANDWRITTEN, INCOMPLETE, OR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE **June 10, 2022 DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**