

National Presbyterian College Scholarship

Application for Rising Freshmen



DEADLINES

May 15: Getting Started, Essay, Resume, Secondary School Report, Transcript, Church Membership / Pastor's Endorsement

June 15: Financial Information Form

ELIGIBILITY

REQUIREMENTS

Student must:

- Be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Be preparing to enter as a full-time freshman in a participating college or university related to the PC (USA)
- Demonstrate Financial Need

Introduction

The National Presbyterian College Scholarship program was created with the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s related colleges and universities in the 1950's. The program seeks to assist Presbyterian students attending Presbyterian related schools. In 2010, Financial Aid for Service office reviewed the program and revised certain elements of the program to promote leadership development and discernment of vocation. This emphasis allows students to not only gain valuable knowledge for the world, but also to engage with discovering who God created them to be.

Between twenty-five and thirty-five students will be selected for the award. Those students will have the opportunity to renew the scholarship provided they maintain at 2.5 GPA, participate in a campus ministry or regularly attend church during college, and participate in discernment of vocation through a series of essay questions that ask the student to consider who God is calling them to be.

Financial Aid PROMOTING
FOR SERVICE EDUCATION FOR
A LIFETIME OF
DISCIPLESHIP

Mailing Address/Contact Information

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Deadline: May 15 (Postmark)

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GETTING STARTED

ATTACHMENTS

- Getting Started**
- Essay** (See Guidelines document for topic)
- Resume**
- Church Membership Form**
- Submitted by Pastor

Name

Social Security Number

Address

Date of Birth

City, State, Zip Code

Gender

County of Residence

Race/Ethnicity

Email

Phone (Day) Home Work Cell

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name _____
Address _____
City, St, Zip _____

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION #1

Name _____
Relationship to Student _____
Email _____
Phone (Day) _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION #2

Name _____
Relationship to Student _____
Email _____
Phone (Day) _____

Are you or any member of your family employed by the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Yes No

Employee's Name

Relationship to Student

Employer

I authorize the Financial Aid Officer of NPCCS participating colleges and universities to release information necessary to meet the requirements for a grant or loan by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including information necessary to evaluate the student's eligibility for need based aid, determine year of studies or enrollment status, and obtain a current GPA for so long as I am planning to attend or enrolled at one these institutions.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Required for Students 17 and under

Church Membership Certification & Pastor's Endorsement

For Undergraduate Students

Student Name

Date Sent to Pastor

To Be Completed by Pastor

If the applicant is related to the pastor another church officer should complete the endorsement.

The above named student is applying for the National Presbyterian College Scholarship. This program is a partnership between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbyterian-related colleges and universities to assist Presbyterian students attending Presbyterian-related colleges and universities.

It is the policy of the ministry office coordinating NPCS to consider pastoral endorsements to be confidential. Your endorsement will be viewed only by staff with responsibility for managing the program and the NPCS Reading Committee, who will consider the merits of each student.

Name of Church

Pin Number

Presbytery

Address

City

State

Zip

Is the student a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

Yes No

How well do you know the applicant?

How long have you known the applicant?

Weekly *Monthly* *Occasionally* *Never* *N/A*

Attend Worship

Attend Church School

Attend Youth Group/Local Mission

Other Church Activities:

Presbytery Activities:

National Church Activities:

Has this student been ordained?

Ruling Elder

Deacon

Congregation does not ordain youth

Is the applicant serving the church as an intern or staff member?

Yes

No

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In what ways has this student participated in the life of the church and community? What impact has their participation had on the congregation?

The National Presbyterian College Scholarship (NPCS) Reading Committee will select students based on their understanding of personal qualities of character and leadership as reflected in contributions to church, school, and community. Based on your knowledge of the student, please tell the NPCS Reading Committee why you recommend this student for a scholarship award from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Second Party Verifications Requested for Fund Matching Purposes

Answer below only if student is not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident but is:

Race/Ethnicity _____

A Religious Worker/Child of a Religious Worker

Undocumented

Note: The Presbyterian Church (USA) has funding for new immigrants. Your assistance in identifying eligible students who are Religious Workers, their children, or undocumented is appreciated.

Endorsed By:

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Phone Number (Day)

Email

Mailing Address/Contact Information

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Secondary School Report

For Rising Freshman

Students making an application for the National Presbyterian College Scholarship are required to complete the release in the box below. Give this report to a school counselor, advisor, principal, or teacher for completion.

_____	_____	<i>In requesting that this form be completed on my behalf for submission to the NPCCS Program, I recognize that it will be treated as confidential between the person completing the form and the NPCCS Program. I waive my right of access to this form as part of my NPCCS record.</i>
Student's Printed Name	Date	
_____	_____	
Student's Signature	Date	
_____	_____	
Parent/Guardian's Signature (Required for Students 17 and Under)	Date	

To Be Completed by Counselor/Advisor

If the applicant is related to the endorser, another school official should complete this endoresment

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An electronic version of this form is available at www.pcusa.org/npcs-ssr. The document must be saved to your computer *before* it can be completed. You may print and mail the application or save it and send it by email to finaid@pcusa.org.

Student's Anticipated HS Graduation Date: _____

Student's GPA: _____

(4 Point Scale)

Not

Weighted

Class Average

Weighted

Percentage of senior class that plans to attend a four-year college: _____

How long have you known the student? _____

Transcript (with Fall Semester grades)

Attached

Requested

Not Available Before April 1

Special Circumstance Notice

- 1) Student is home schooled. The home schooling parent should complete the form. A letter of recommendation by a third party who has taught the student or directed an extracurricular activity the student participated in is required.
- 2) Counselor is not able to respond to the question on page 2 (Based on your knowledge of the student, please tell the NPCCS Reading Committee why you recommend this student for a scholarship.) The counselor should complete the form. The student may elect to ask a teacher to write a letter of recommendation. In the space provided on page two, the counselor should note, LOR by (Author), Attached.

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How would you rate the student in terms of:

	<i>Superior</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Not Observed</i>
<i>Intellectual Curiosity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Creative Talent</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Motivation to Study</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Self-Discipline</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Emotional Maturity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Leadership Ability</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Character</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Energy Level</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How challenging would you rate the academic rigor of the student's curriculum?

Most Challenging Accelerated (Honors) Some Accelerated Coursework Standard

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Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title
School Name	Phone Number (Day)
Address	Email
City	State
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