



The Willard A. Peterson & Winifred W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship

The Willard A. Peterson & Winifred W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Moline, Illinois (FCC) is to provide tuition assistance for church members who are seeking private or public post-secondary education.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants for the 2022-2023 academic year. Qualified expenses that may be covered with this scholarship's award are tuition and mandatory academic expenses required for enrollment (no book, supply charges, or room and board expenses qualify).

Applicants for the Peterson Memorial Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Active, participating member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Moline, Illinois
- High school or college graduate or earned a G.E.D.
- Achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Enrolled (or will be at the time scholarships are distributed) in a regionally accredited institution of higher learning, either part-time or full-time, pursuing certification, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Doctorate

The Peterson Memorial Scholarship is a one-year scholarship. Church members must apply annually.

Each semester's funds will be paid from FCC directly without exception to the college or university upon receipt of institutional statements of enrollment.

DEADLINE is April 10, 2022.

The following items must be **postmarked or delivered** by April 10, 2022:

- Complete application in ink, not pencil. (**Please be sure all six sections are completed.**) Additional pages may be used for essay questions.
- Include a picture of yourself for future press release. **Must be a .pdf file sent to Susan Llewellyn (susanL1232@hotmail.com) or Marcia Renaud (marpjr@aol.com.)**
- Include **official grade transcripts** from current school. If the applicant has been out of school for more than five (5) years, most recent grade transcripts will be accepted.
- Church Participation Reflections (see last page of the application)
- Two letters of reference from the following:
 - One letter of recommendation must be from a non-related, non-staff, current member of First Congregational Church and must attest to the applicant's character and church participation
 - One letter of recommendation must be from another non-related person (i.e. teacher, counselor, mentor, etc.) and must attest to the applicant's character and academic potential.
 - It is your responsibility to make sure that letters of recommendation (**ATTN: Peterson Scholarship Committee**) are received in the church office by April 10, 2022.
 - Prior submitted recommendations will not be accepted.
 - Prior applications for this scholarship will not be accepted.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City and State/Zip: _____

Applicant's Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Highest grade completed (as of Fall 2021): _____

Last school attended: _____

Are you a **recent graduate** (within last 2 years) _____ or an **adult returning to school** (out for more than 2 years) _____?

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Some graduate and vocational programs require admissions tests. If that applies to you, please list your most recent score on one of the following:

ACT Score:	_____	GMAT Score:	_____
SAT Score:	_____	GRE Score:	_____
LSAT Score:	_____	Other:	_____

College to attend (2022-2023): _____

Name and Address of School Registrar:

Proposed College Enrollment Status (Part-time or Full-time): _____

This college is on a _____ Semester _____ Trimester schedule.

Projected tuition and mandatory academic expenses (one semester/term): _____

Other sources of scholarship funds (You may disclose this information at a later date):

SECTION 3: CHURCH INFORMATION

Number of years a member of First Congregational Church: _____

Year confirmed: _____

SECTION 4: HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER/OTHER INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions and attach extra pages, if necessary.

Please list all church activities you participated in prior to your high school graduation:

Event

Date or Year

Please list all school, community, or other activities outside of Church you have participated in within the last four (4) years:

Please list any special honors, awards or leadership positions you have received or held:

Please list positions held in gainful employment, periods of employment, and average time employed each week, etc.

Position

Dates worked

Hours per week

SECTION 5: ESSAY

Part I: Please use a separate sheet to answer the following questions. You may type or write neatly.

1. In 100 words, write what your hopes, plans and /or goals are for the future.
2. In 100 words, explain why receiving a Peterson scholarship would be beneficial to you.

Part II: The following questions should be answered in 150-250 words.

□ If you are presently in high school, please answer the following questions:

HS 1. Do you feel that your faith experience at First Congregational Church has prepared you for your future life as a college student? Give examples.

HS 2. What advice would you give this year's confirmands in regard to their involvement in the life of their church?

□ If you are presently in college or have graduated from college, please answer the following questions:

C 1. How have you continued your faith experience while away from FCC – or here at First Congregational Church if you have remained in the area?

C 2. What advice would you give this year's confirmands in regard to their involvement in the life of their church?

agree to allow First Congregational Church to use my name and picture for press release information in regard to receiving a Peterson Scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please have transcripts sent to:

Peterson Scholarship Committee
First Congregational Church
2201 7th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

If you have any questions, please call or email Susan Llewellyn (susanL1232@hotmail.com, 309-314-8020) or Marcia Renaud (marpjr@aol.com, 563-343-2036).

NAME _____ DATE _____

SECTION 6: REFLECTION

**CHURCH ACTIVITY REFLECTION
FOR PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

Peterson Scholarship Recipients are active participants in First Congregational Church. In this section, describe how you have participated in the life of the church through your service and activities and reflect on how this participation has influenced your personal growth.

Some examples of participation that may be applicable include: Vacation Bible School, Fall Festival, Advent Festival, Valentine's Day Theater, Spring Clean-Up, Mission trips, World Relief efforts, River Bend Food Bank, Giving Tree, Sunday School and worship service, or serving in worship as a liturgist, lector, usher, or greeter.