

Preakness Reformed Church Memorial Scholarship Fund Award Criteria and Guidelines for 2025

Please use 2025 application

The Preakness Reformed Church Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in February, 1993, and is in memory of:

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The purpose of the PRC Memorial Scholarship is to provide scholarships for expenses necessary or related to an individual's progress toward his or her educational goals.

Criteria:

1. The applicant must be (or have been) an active member or staff member of the Preakness Reformed Church or member of their respective immediate families.
2. The applicant must show evidence of continuing academic success as evidenced by courses taken and grade point average, among other criteria.
3. The applicant must show evidence of church, school and/or community outreach.
4. The applicant may attend a two-year vocational college, a four-year academic college, a graduate school, or be enrolled in courses which help the individual progress toward his or her educational goals.
5. An applicant may reapply for this scholarship award.
6. Completed applications are due on **Sunday, May 11, 2025 – Mother's Day**. **This is a firm deadline. Applications received after this due date or those that are incomplete cannot be fully considered. Please read all directions on the following page carefully and be sure ALL parts of the application are complete.**

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2025

APPLICATION

Due Date: Sunday, May 11, 2025

Directions to applicant:

1. Please submit a one-page essay on **one** of the following topics:
 - Discuss how PRC and its people and its programs have influenced your faith journey.
 - Discuss something you have tried and failed and learned from. How did it take you out of your comfort zone and how did your faith impact the incident?
 - Think ahead 5 or 10 years. How do you see yourself contributing to your community and/or your faith community after receiving your education?
2. Please submit one **current** (this school year) letter of recommendation. This should be from an **adult** who is neither a family member nor a member of Preakness Reformed Church with whom you have a **current** professional or school relationship, i.e. teacher, coach, club/organization advisor, resident advisor, professor, school advisor, employment supervisor, adult coworker, etc. **The committee suggests you ask for this well ahead of the deadline;** we understand you do not have full control over this once you ask, but ask early. This may be submitted electronically to Joan Vanderbush at djvander90@gmail.com
3. Please include a full transcript if possible, but **at least the previous 3 semesters in which you were enrolled in school, including this past fall, 2024, if you were enrolled in school then.** Current college freshmen should include the high school senior year's transcript. Ask for this early if you don't have a copy.
4. Return the **fully completed** application and attachments listed above by **Sunday, May 11, 2025**. We regret that **late or incomplete** applications cannot receive full consideration. Please inform reference letter writers of your deadline and give them ample advance notice.

Mailing address is: PRC Memorial Scholarship Award or email: Joan Vanderbush
131 Church Lane djvander90@gmail.com
Wayne NJ 07470 cell: 201 245-9844
Attn: Joan Vanderbush
5. Attach additional pages as necessary. Please include any additional information that is pertinent to your application, including but not limited to unusual financial or other circumstances.

All application material will remain confidential.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

College/School (please include name and location) attending for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year:

Full time: _____ Part Time: _____

If part time, how many credits? _____

I have attended the following schools:

Name of institution

Major

Degree

Year granted

High School _____

College _____

Other _____

Please list all areas that you have participated in at PRC during your time of attendance:

Please list your extra-curricular activities outside of church. Specify any offices you have held or awards won. Do this on a separate page if you wish.

Paid positions held by applicant:

Present _____

Previous _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) (if applicable): _____

Number of children in family and ages (if applicable): _____

Number of family members in college (including you) during next academic year: _____

At this point in your life/education, what are your personal and professional goals?

Applicant's signature: _____ Date _____
(Initial if submitting electronically)

PLEASE check to make sure the application is complete.