

Appendix I
Shenandoah Presbytery College and University Grant Application

General Information

- All applications for scholarships must be received in Presbytery's office by **June 1st** of each year in order to be considered. College/University Scholarship Grants will be approved, applicants will be notified of their application's status, and funds distributed by **August 1st** of each year.
- The Presbytery, on behalf of the Committee on Educational Resources, will send a memo or e-mail annually to churches regarding scholarship opportunities and post scholarship procedures on the Presbytery website (www.shenpres.org)
- Scholarships are for one academic year; applications must be made each academic year for undergraduate or graduate work.
- Scholarships are a direct grant of aid to recipients and are intended to be used towards the student's educational costs. Please refer to your educational institution's financial aid practices regarding the report of external aid and report this grant accordingly.
- Recipients are encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund at a future date so that assistance might be available for other students.

Applicants

- Applicants must be a member of a Presbyterian Church in the Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Applicants must be officially enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
- Applicants should address financial need in the appropriate section on the application form (Section IV).
- Applicants will be considered and approved on the basis of church service and vocational reflection.
- *After* funds have been allocated, it is the applicant's responsibility:
 - To notify the Presbytery Office if there is a change in the applicant's approved request *before* the academic year begins (such as a change in enrollment status, full-time or part-time, etc.)
 - To refer to their educational institution's financial aid practices regarding the report of external aid and report this grant accordingly.

Session

- An "Endorsement of Session" form must be included with each applicant's packet (see attached). The student shall complete his/her part of this application and submit the *entire* application to the Session for endorsement. A letter from the pastor is not required, but is encouraged
- Following the Session endorsement of a student application, the Session should then submit the entire application to the Presbytery Office.

Sessions should submit applications to bookkeeper@shenpres.org *or*

Mail to: Funds Administrator – College Scholarship
Committee on Educational Resources
1111 North Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Application for Scholarship Grant

Section I: General Information (please print neatly or type)

1. Name in full:

What name do you generally use?

2. Home Address

Phone:

E-mail:

3. Name of Educational Institution for the upcoming scholarship year:

School's Address:

4. Intended program of study or major:

5. Have you previously been enrolled in this educational institution?

Yes No

If no, have you been accepted by this educational institution for the upcoming term?

Yes No

6. What will your class level be in the upcoming scholarship year?

First Year: Sophomore: Junior: Senior: Other:

Section II. Church Service

1. In what church do you hold membership?
2. When did you become a member?
3. Please list church activities in which you have participated:
4. What are significant steps of Christian growth that you have experienced?
5. Do you regularly attend church services and/or activities on a regular basis?
Yes No
6. What personal spiritual discipline enhances your faith the most in this season of life?
(Examples; prayer, worship, scripture, mission, stewardship, leadership, church or campus ministry such as UKirk <https://shenpres.org/college-ministries/>)
7. In his 1973 *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*, theologian Frederick Buechner reflects on *vocation*, or the work we are called to do by God. He states that “the kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done...” in other words, he continues, “the place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Reflecting on vocation and God’s call, how might your Christian faith impact your vocation of choice?

Section III. Scholarship

Please give information on your current school – high school, college, or graduate school

1. Clubs and Organizations

2. Offices Held

3. Athletics

4. Other positions of community leadership

Section IV: Please provide below any additional information that you feel should be taken into account by the committee reviewing this request. The Committee on Educational Resources is committed to supporting the students of Shenandoah Presbytery financially and prayerfully: please include ways that we can pray for you during your educational journey.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have read and understood the guidelines for making scholarship grants; that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to any other members of the Committee on Educational Resources.

Signed:

Date:

After completing your part, the applicant should submit the application to the clerk of your Church Session for their endorsements. **The Session must email the entire completed form to Funds Administrator at the Presbytery Office by June 1st.**

Section V: Endorsement of Session

Note to Applicant: A new Endorsement of Session form must be submitted to Presbytery's Office each time a student applies for a Shenandoah Presbytery College and University Grant.

Note to Session: When completing this endorsement, please specifically highlight the student's involvement in the church. Feel free to add information you feel is relevant to the student's application. While a statement from the applicant's pastor is not required, many times this affords the committee deeper insight into the students' lives, church participation, educational aspirations, and vocational goals.

Name of Applicant:

Endorsement of Session

We, the Session of the _____ Presbyterian Church, in the Shenandoah Presbytery, have personal knowledge of the applicant whose name appears above, and who has been an active member of this church for _____ years.

We believe the applicant should receive scholarship aid in light of the following information (Please Attach)

Adopted in meeting of the session, this _____ day of _____, 20____. Signed:

Moderator:

Clerk:

This form is to be considered confidential, to be shared only with the Session and the Committee on Educational Resources until after it has been completed when it will be confidentially filed by Shenandoah Presbytery Officials. It is the Session's responsibility to send the completed application to the Presbytery Office by June 1st.

Please return to:
Funds Administrator – Scholarship
Committee on Educational Resources
1111 North Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
bookkeeper@shenpres.org

Digital Copies are preferred, hard copies are accepted.

If you have any questions, please e-mail pastoraprilcranford@gmail.com
Reverend April Cranford, Co-chair of the Committee on Educational Resources: