

Leonard Family Scholarship

The Leonard Family Scholarship was established in 1986 with a gift from Edith Leonard, a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino. Monies for the scholarship are derived from interest earned from this gift.

In keeping with the values and ideals of the donor, the Scholarship Committee of the Session has established guideline for the granting of the scholarships.

To be eligible to be considered for the Leonard Family Scholarship, follow the guidelines below and return the application with your responses and a current or most recent transcript to the church office **NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. on FEBRUARY 28th**.

Guidelines

1. The applicant must be a proven scholar at the college level.
2. The applicant must be a member of and directly involved with the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino.
3. The life of the applicant must demonstrate Christian commitment through involvement in worship, service, and study in our church.
4. The applicant must have a planned academic goal with a time line for completion.
5. The applicant must be able to demonstrate how his/her goal will be of benefit to others.

After review of the applications, the Scholarship Committee will interview selected candidates. The recipients will be announced in the spring and presented to the congregation on the last Sunday in June. Monies are distributed in two allotments, the first in August and the second in January. The committee will determine the size and number of scholarships and has the authority, at its discretion, to waive any of the above guidelines.

The Interview

The purpose of the interview is to allow the Scholarship Committee to formally meet with you to review your application and give you the opportunity clarify or expound on any of your statements. Please be on time and dress appropriately as you would for a job interview. Jeans, t-shirts, shorts, sweatshirts or flip-flops are not considered appropriate.

Renewals

The scholarships will be renewed for up to four years provided funds are available and if (a) a completed application is submitted; (b) the scholar has maintained a G.P.A. satisfactory to the committee and continues appropriate progress toward their goals; (c) the scholar has continued to maintain Christian service and association with this church or Christian fellowship at the place of study.

The Leonard Family Scholarship Application

For the school year 20____ - 20____ ____New ____Renewal Please check one.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

School
you will attend _____

Home
address _____

School
address _____

E-mail
addresses _____

Phone numbers (Please put in order of most likely to reach you).

Are you a member of the First Presbyterian Church? Yes No

If attending school out of the area:

What is your church affiliation?

When is your Spring Break or other dates you will be in town and available for an interview?

The following questions are intended to give us a picture of you and are to be answered in paragraph form on a separate sheet of paper. Please also attach your most recent transcript or grade report.

1. What are your academic goals and what is your time-line for completion of these goals?
2. What career or vocation will your education lead to and how do you intend to benefit and serve others.
3. In what ways and with what frequency do you actively participate with the people of God (a congregation or a group of committed Christians) in terms of worship, study, and/or service?
4. Write about any extra-curricular activities you participate in including clubs, hobbies, sports or other pursuit.
5. Do you hold a full or part-time job? If so, what do you do and how many hours per week are you working?
6. Are you married and/or do you have children or other family responsibilities?
7. Is there any other information, (prior life experience, exceptional difficulties you have overcome) you would like to share with us?

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