

**First Congregational Church of Long Beach
Scholarship Program**



Application Packet

For

Name of Applicant

I affirm that the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge as of the following date. I understand that the Scholarship Committee Chair may duplicate my application materials and disseminate them among members of the Scholarship Committee for their review.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

**First Congregational Church of Long Beach
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Long Beach, CA 90802
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Fax: (562) 436-3018
Email: scholarships@firstchurchlb.org**

First Congregational Church of Long Beach Scholarship Program

First Congregational Church of Long Beach offers an annual scholarship program designed to supplement the financial needs of today's student. Funding for this scholarship program comes from three sources

- (1) The Kenneth Caskey Memorial Scholarship Fund
- (2) The Harriett S. and Nancy A. Merritt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- (3) The Jerry Cannon Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awards are offered every spring to college, university, technical and trade students at any educational level. Preference is given to applicants who are members of First Congregational Church of Long Beach. Additional qualities considered include: goals; grades; church, college and community service; financial need; and proximity to achieving degree objectives. Students are expected to enroll in at least nine units per term at the undergraduate level and six units per term at the graduate or postgraduate level. Enrollment at the institution named in the application is expected by the subsequent academic term (excluding summer). Scholarship funds will be awarded in nonnegotiable amounts, and applicants may apply for funding more than once. Scholarships will be administered according to the discretion of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Stewardship and Finance of First Congregational Church of Long Beach.

Application Deadlines, Requirements and Procedures

- The online application will be available on the church website, www.firstchurchlb.org, beginning in March 2019. Copies of the application may also be requested through the church office.
- Applications are due by April 14, 2019.
- Applicants must include a copy of their most recent transcript or equivalent with their application. Unofficial copies are permissible.
- One letter of recommendation is required. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their letter of recommendation is received by the due date.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Awards will be announced and presented during a Service of Celebration, typically on Christian Education Sunday in May.
- Enrollment verification is required, and scholarship recipients who are unable to provide the Scholarship Committee with a timely verification of enrollment from the institution named in the application, for whatever reason, will be required to refund the full amount of the scholarship.
- The application and enrollment verification processes are confidential.
- Application materials may be submitted via email to scholarships@firstchurch.lb.org.

Date _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Name of
College/Trade
School _____

College Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

In the fall term, I will be a _____ student enrolled in _____ units
(full/part time)

with a total of _____ units completed toward my degree.

Major _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Transfer plans? _____

If so, to what school? _____

Name of most recent
school you graduated
from High School/or
College _____

Graduation Date _____

GPA _____ Maximum GPA Possible _____

Applicant's Personal Statement

Please type and submit with application.

Applicants

Please submit up to a 1000-word autobiography that includes a description of your educational and vocational goals, involvement in church, community and school activities with any honors, awards or recognitions. If you are renewing, please include a paragraph or more describing how your studies in your chosen field and related community involvement continue to shape your vocational and professional goals. *Note: Personal statements are weighted heavily in the scholarship determination process.*

Include extra pages as needed.

Financial Need Summary

Complete this section regarding Estimated Combined Net Income of your household, which includes your income and your parent's or guardian's income for the current year

Name of Person

Total Household Income

Have you filed a Financial Aid Application? If yes, please explain how much you hope to receive.

Describe any special circumstances such as medical conditions, disabilities, etc. that may affect your ability to pay for your college tuition.

Person Applied to for Letter of Recommendation

Please list the name, address, and telephone number of the person from whom you have requested a letter of recommendation. Your application must include one letter of recommendation.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

e-mail _____

CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Stewardship and Finance at First Congregational Church of Long Beach depends on and appreciates your careful appraisal of applicants to our scholarship program. Please provide a written recommendation describing the capacity in which you know the applicant, how long you have known him/her and why you think he/she deserves to receive a scholarship from First Congregational Church.

Please do not return your letter to the applicant. Instead, please e-mail it to scholarships@firstchurchlb.org with **Attention: Scholarship Committee Chair** in the subject line. Alternately, you may mail your letter to the following address. It is extremely important that your recommendation is received no later than **April 14, 2019**, as the Scholarship Committee is unable to consider applications without the requisite letter of recommendation.

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