

North Presbyterian Church - Policy for the Meyer Scholarship Fund – Meyer Scholarship Committee

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The following criteria will be used in making award decision:

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| 1.) Christian experience | 4.) Activities and life experiences |
| 2.) Past academic achievement | 5.) Personal interview and references |
| 3.) Goals and aspirations | 6.) Properly filled out application |

At this time, there is an automatic transfer from the NPC Endowment Fund each June in the amount of \$2,000.00 to finance the Fund. Scholarship applications are available in the NPC Office. Notice, by the Chair of the Finance Committee working with the Church Administrator/Secretary, of the availability of the scholarship shall be made each April and May in the “North Star” and announced in April and May bulletins. Completed applications must be returned by or postmarked on or before May 15th addressed to the Meyer Scholarship Committee, North Presbyterian Church, 921 College Avenue, Elmira, New York 14901. The Scholarship Committee or Church Administrator/Secretary will contact the applicant to schedule a personal interview.

The Chair of the Scholarship Committee will be designated annually by the Finance Committee on or before March 1st. A member of the Finance Committee shall serve on the Scholarship Committee along with one or more representatives at large from the congregation. The Pastor, Christian Education Committee Chair, and/or staff of North Church, including the Youth Director and Director of Music, may assist the Scholarship Committee in ex-officio capacities. The Scholarship Committee will conclude its review of the applications and report its determinations no later than June 15th.

Following review of the applications, the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, shall report the Scholarship Committee’s determinations to the Chair of the Finance Committee, the Pastor, the Church Treasurer, the Church Administrator/Secretary for inclusion in the North Star, each applicant, and the High School Principal of the successful applicant(s) utilizing the assistance of the Church Administrator/Secretary, as needed. The Church Treasurer shall forward any award directly to the successful applicant(s) on or before June 30th. The Chair of the Finance Committee shall annually include the determinations of the Scholarship Committee in the NPC Annual Report.

The Joseph & Armelle Meyer Scholarship Fund

Application for Scholarship

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This application will assist the Scholarship Committee in the selection of worthy candidates. The Scholarship Committee looks forward to reading the applications and getting to know the applicants. Completed applications must be returned by or postmarked on or before May 15th addressed to the Meyer Scholarship Committee, North Presbyterian Church, 921 College Avenue, Elmira, New York 14901. The Scholarship Committee or Church Administrator/Secretary will contact the applicant to schedule a personal interview. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Checklist of enclosures for your completed application:

- 1) Christian experience ____
- 2) Two personal references ____
- 3) School & activities information ____
- 4) Transcripts ____
- 5) Additional supporting information ____
- 6) This completed application ____

Instructions: The applicant is responsible for seeing that every portion is completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please type or print all information.

Part A

Section 1: Applicant Information

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell number _____

Email address _____

Expected high school graduation (GED) date _____

Name & address of high school _____

Student Certification:

I, _____, residing at _____

_____ do hereby make application for a Meyer Scholarship from North

Presbyterian Church for the year _____. I understand and agree that:

- 1) The Meyer Scholarship is of an indeterminate amount, pending action by the Meyer Scholarship Committee;
- 2) The decision of the Meyer Scholarship Committee is final;
- 3) I may be selected as either a primary recipient, or as an alternate recipient, or not at all;
- 4) If I am selected as a recipient, I will receive a letter of designation from the Chair of the Meyer Scholarship Committee;
- 5) If I am selected as a recipient, I will forward to the Church Treasurer of North Presbyterian Church verification of acceptance into post high-school institution of higher learning/training;
- 6) Upon receipt for the aforementioned verification of acceptance, the Church Treasurer of North Presbyterian Church shall forward to me the scholarship award in the form of a check made out to me personally;
- 7) If, for any reason, I do not attend the institution of higher learning/training, I shall immediately return the scholarship check to North Presbyterian Church.

Signed _____

Printed name _____

Date _____

Part B

Section 1. Christian Experience

Church affiliation: _____

How often do you attend Worship?

___ Every Sunday ___ Most Sundays ___ Sometimes ___ Rarely ___ Never

Answer the following questions on separate paper. Feel free to include copies of any supporting information about your background.

- 1) List your Church activities and describe your participation
- 2) Where have you been in your Christian walk? Where are you now? Where do you hope to go?
- 3) Describe a moment in your life that was particularly meaningful in your Christian walk.
- 4) What makes you as a Christian in your vocation/field of study different from a non-Christian?
- 5) Describe any special circumstance that has presented a challenge to you. The challenge may have been spiritual, financial, education, physical, or emotional in nature.
- 6) Write an autobiographical sketch and enclose it with this application. This may be as long as you wish.

Section 2: School/Community Activities

- a) Describe your involvement in school and community activities and volunteer work

- b) List any awards, honors or special recognitions you have received (academic, athletic, etc.)

Be sure you submit your high school transcript or copy of your GED along with this application.

Section 3. Work experience – list below any positions held and a brief description of each, including dates.

Section 4. Educational plans – What college, institution, or training program will you be attending?

Name of college/institution/program _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

What course(s) of study do you wish to pursue? _____

What is your eventual goal as far as:

a) Academic studies _____

b) Career _____

c) Other _____