

**WILLIAM P. and HELEN B. FISHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**and**  
**DEACON SCHOLARSHIP STANDARDS**  
**(The Presbyterian Church of Toms River)**  
**(Standards established March, 1999)**

**What is the scholarship?**

The scholarship provides financial assistance to student of any age attending or planning to attend an undergraduate college or a professional school such as a trade or vocational school.

**Who can apply?**

The student must be a member of The Presbyterian Church of Toms River. The scholarships are awarded to students who are recognized as committed members and dedicated participants of the church. The church office will confirm the student's membership.

**What are the decision criteria?**

The two most important criteria for awarding the scholarships are (1) the student's church involvement and (2) GPA (grade point average) - with the heaviest weight put on church involvement. Transcripts help the committee understand the student's level of academic commitment. If there are special circumstances that the committee should know about, these should be included with the transcript. Financial need is not measured. Unique applicants, such as an older student returning to further their education, will also be considered.

**How much money is available and how are funds allocated?**

Funds vary from year to year but the awards to students range between \$500 and \$1,200 and are awarded based on church involvement. Students may apply for funds every year.

**Who reviews the applications?**

The Moderator of the Deacons and three additional active members of PCTR.

**Where is the application and what is the time line?**

Applications are available from May 1st through June 8th. The deadline for the applications is June 11th. The awards are announced on July 1st. Checks will be mailed to the students in the summer.

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**The Presbyterian Church of Toms River**  
**1070 Hooper Avenue & Chestnut Street, Toms River, NJ 08753**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. & Street
City

\_\_\_\_\_ State Zip Telephone

1. Are you a member of the Presbyterian Church of Toms River? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When will you (or, when did you) graduate from high school? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please attach your high school transcript. If you are currently attending college, please attach your college transcript as well.
4. Tell us about your college plans:

Are you currently enrolled in college? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- IF YES, what is the name of college or university? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your major? \_\_\_\_\_
- When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

- IF NO, what colleges have you applied or intend to apply?

<u>Name of institution</u>	<u>Status of Application</u>		
	Accepted	applied/not heard	not applied
1 <sup>st</sup> choice _____	_____	_____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> choice _____	_____	_____	_____
3 <sup>rd</sup> choice _____	_____	_____	_____
4 <sup>th</sup> choice _____	_____	_____	_____

What course of study do you plan to take? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please list and explain all your church activities and describe your involvement over the year to the best of your ability.

6. Please tell us what you have done to prepare to meet the costs of college. Examples might include other scholarships, grants or loans; support from relatives; and/or work related.

7. Describe how religion is a part of your life. In what ways is your religion the basis of the way you act or the things you do?

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)