

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Application

Scholarship Requirements and Criteria

Ann L Binfield Scholarship

The criteria for the Ann L Binfield Scholarship require a recipient:

1. to be an outstanding High School or Hastings College or Presbyterian College/University student,
2. to have financial need*
3. to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings NE
4. to attend, or continue attending a Presbyterian college or university.

Amount of the scholarship will vary, depending on the number of applicants. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's college for the 2026-2027 school year.

In addition to the application, each student must also submit the following items to First Presbyterian Church Attn: Scholarship Committee, Ross Struss

1. ACT/SAT scores (first application only)
2. High school transcript/class rank (first application only)
3. College transcript (for renewing application)

*Please explain your financial need in your essay for the Binfield Scholarship.

Ted and Lori Schroeder Scholarship

The criteria for the Schroeder Scholarship require a recipient:

1. to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings NE
2. to be starting their first year at Hastings College or Central Community College - Hastings

One scholarship will be awarded for \$1000 and cannot be renewed. The scholarship will be paid directly to the applicant. Preference will be given to students that are not currently receiving an Ann L Binfield Scholarship.

Legacy Scholarship

The criteria for the Legacy Scholarship require a recipient:

1. to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings NE
2. to be any year in college or a high school senior, preference given to graduating high school senior(s)
3. to attend a 2 year or 4 year, post-secondary education

Multiple scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The total of the scholarships shall not exceed \$1,000

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View this application as an opportunity to persuade the Scholarship Committee that you meet the criteria for the scholarship(s) you apply for. For example, tell us about your church and school activities, your proposed academic major and career plans (if you know those), and the school you plan to attend.

The application and essay are due March 1, 2026. Completed applications can be dropped off at the church office or emailed directly to rstruss@hastings.edu

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact Ross Struss, moderator of the Scholarship Committee, 402-831-0093 or rstruss@hastings.edu.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Permanent home address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email address _____

Church membership _____ Approximate # of years _____

Educational Background

Give the name and location of each high school and/or college you have attended.

	Name of school	City	State	Graduation Year
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

List the college or university that you currently attend or plan to attend _____

Academic Major _____

Projected College Graduation _____

I'm applying for the following scholarship(s): **Please review the scholarship requirements and criteria page for eligibility and documentation requirements.**

- ☐ Ann L. Binfield Scholarship
- ☐ Ted and Lori Schroeder Scholarship
- ☐ Legacy Scholarship

Essay

The Scholarship Committee is interested in getting to know you better! Using the space below, please tell us about yourself and your involvement in activities, church and/or community. Include why you are applying for the scholarship and what you hope to gain for your post-secondary experience.

(Recommended response 250-500 words typed or hand-written)