



The Willard A. Peterson & Winifred W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship

The Willard A. Peterson & Winifred W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Moline, Illinois (FCC) is to provide tuition assistance for church members who are seeking private or public post-secondary education.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants for the 2018-2019 academic year. Qualified expenses that may be covered with this scholarship's award are tuition and mandatory academic expenses required for enrollment (no book, supply charges, or room and board expenses qualify).

Applicants for the Peterson Memorial Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Active, participating member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Moline, Illinois
- High school or college graduate, or earned a G.E.D
- Achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Enrolled (or will be at the time scholarships are distributed) in a regionally accredited institution of higher learning, either part-time or full-time, pursuing certification, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Doctorate

The Peterson Memorial Scholarship is a one-year scholarship. Church members must apply annually.

Each semester's funds will be paid from FCC directly without exception to the college or university upon receipt of institutional statements of enrollment.

DEADLINE is March 12, 2018. The following items must be **postmarked or delivered** by March 12, 2018:

- Complete application in ink, not pencil. **(Please be sure all *five* sections are completed.)**
- Include a picture of yourself for future press release. **(Must be a .pdf file sent to carol.freeman@fccmoline.org.)**
- Include official grade transcripts from current school. If the applicant has been out of school for more than five (5) years, most recent grade transcripts will be accepted.
- Church Activity Reflections (see last page of the application)
- Two letters of reference from the following:
 - One letter of recommendation must be from a non-related, non-staff, current member of First Congregational Church and must attest to the applicant's character and church participation
 - One letter of recommendation must be from another non-related person (i.e. teacher, counselor, mentor, etc.) and must attest to the applicant's character and academic potential.
 - It is your responsibility to make sure that letters of recommendation are received in the church office by March 12 , 2018.
 - Prior submitted recommendations will not be accepted.
 - Prior applications for this scholarship will not be accepted.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City and State/Zip: _____

Applicant's Phone: _____

College ID# (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Highest grade completed (as of Fall 2017): _____

Last school attended: _____

Are you a **recent graduate** (within last 2 years) _____ or an **adult returning to school** (out for more than 2 years) _____?

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

If applicable, please list the following:

ACT Score:	_____	GMAT Score:	_____
SAT Score:	_____	GRE Score:	_____
LSAT Score:	_____	Other:	_____

College to attend (2018-2019): _____

Name and Address of School Registrar: _____

Proposed College Enrollment Status (Part-time or Full-time): _____

This college is on a _____ Semester _____ Trimester schedule.

Projected tuition and mandatory academic expenses (one semester/term): _____

Other sources of scholarship funds (You may disclose this information at a later date):

SECTION 3: CHURCH INFORMATION

Number of years a member of First Congregational Church: _____

Year confirmed: _____

SECTION 4: HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER/OTHER INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions and attach extra pages, if necessary.

Please list all Church activities you participated in prior to your high school graduation:

Event

Date or Year

Please list all school, community or other activities outside of Church you have participated in within the last four (4) years:

Please list any special honors, awards or leadership positions you have received or held:

Please list positions held in gainful employment, periods of employment, and average time employed each week, etc.

Position

Dates worked

Hours per week

SECTION 5: ESSAY

Part I: Please use a separate sheet to answer the following questions. You may type or write neatly.

1. In 100 words, write what your hopes, plans and /or goals are for the future.
2. In 100 words, explain why receiving a Peterson scholarship would be beneficial to you.

Part II: The following questions should be answered in 150-250 words.

▲ If you are presently in high school, please answer the following questions:

HS 1. Do you feel that your faith experience at First Congregational has prepared you for your future life as a college student? Give examples.

HS 2. What advice would you give this years' confirmands in regard to their involvement in the life of their church?

▲ If you are presently in college or have graduated from college, please answer the following questions:

C 1. How have you continued your faith experience while away from FCC – or here at First Congregational if you have remained in the area?

C 2. What advice would you give this years' confirmands in regard to their involvement in the life of their church?

I agree to allow First Congregational Church to use my name and picture for press release information in regards to receiving a Peterson Scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please have transcripts sent to:
Peterson Scholarship Committee
First Congregational Church
2201 7th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

If you have any questions, please call or email Carol Freeman, scholarship Chairperson:
309 235 1626 or carol.freeman@fccmoline.org

NAME _____ DATE _____

CHURCH ACTIVITY REFLECTION FOR PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Peterson Scholarship applicants are required to participate in **one church activity** and attend **three church services** at First Congregational Church (Moline) per year. Applicants may choose from the following church activities: Vacation Bible School, Fall Festival, Advent Festival, Valentines Day Theater, Spring Clean-Up, or Feed My Starving Children. If the applicant is interested in an additional activity that is not listed, they should contact Carol Freeman (carol.freeman@fccmoline.org). The following reflection questions should be completed and returned for each activity and church service along with the applicant's 2017-2018 application.

Activity Name (3): _____ **Date:** _____

1. In what ways did you help with this activity?
 2. What are some of your major reflections after participating in this activity?
 3. What are your ideas to help improve the activity in the future?
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Worship Focus (1): _____ **Date:** _____

1. From what passage did the pastor preach?
2. What was the main point of the sermon? Try to sum up the message in one or two sentences.
3. What are some of your major reflections from the sermon? What point(s) stood out to you, and why?
4. What was one area in your life that you feel you could work on in application of the message? Try to list three ways you can practically work to improve this area in your life.