

Trinity UMC 2025 Scholarship Application

Application deadline: May 1, 2025 by 12pm

Instructions to Applicant: Mail completed application form, along with all required items (see below) to:

Scholarship Committee
Attn: Bill Blaskopf
Trinity UMC
213 Main Street Hackettstown, NJ 07840

1. Invite two people (who know you well) to each write a one-page letter of recommendation.

- a. One person must be a (*non-staff*) Trinity member.
- b. The Second Reference may be a person of your choice.
- c. Neither person may be a relative or someone living in your house.

*Your application **will not** be considered without these **two letters**.* Attach these letters to your application OR since some people may not want to hand their letter of recommendation to you, they may send it to Kari Anzel at: kari@catchthespirit.org

2. Include a **one-page typed statement** on why you wish to be considered for one of these scholarships. Please include information about your association with Trinity United Methodist Church and the church's influence on your faith.

3. Fill out this application form (**Both Pages**). Make sure that your application is current. Check grammar and spelling carefully; they reflect the care and attention that have been given to preparing your application. Please type or print in ink. Remember that this form will be photocopied for committee members. Be sure that all information is clear and legible. Include a current copy of your transcript, it does not have to be an official copy.

4. All Applications – include a copy of your most **recent FAFSA**. Please make sure that the form has your parents **S.A.I. (Student Aid Index)**

5. **Financial Disclosure Form:** This form is required if the applicant is applying for:

- a. Sanman/Spender Scholarship
- b. Lon Leveto Scholarship
- c. Ruth E. Frost Memorial Scholarship

The Seelinger-Thompson, Mathias Torgersen, Learned T. Bulman, Norma G. Nelson, Rev. Paul L. Wells, and Steven L. Wexler Scholarships **do not** require a Financial Disclosure Form.

6. The Sanman/Spender Scholarship and the Stephen Wexler Scholarship **do not** require the applicant to be a member of Trinity UMC. All other scholarships require applicants to be members or active participants of Trinity UMC.

7. The Seelinger-Thompson Scholarship is for post-graduate students only.

Scholarship funds are limited, and it may not be possible to grant a scholarship to every student who applies. **Incomplete or late application forms will not be considered.** It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all materials are *received* before the application deadline.

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This application form must be completed (both pages) and the following additional items must be submitted: (1) copy of acceptance letter from College or University (2) Two letters of recommendation (3) your one-page typed personal statement and (4) financial disclosure form if required – see page 1 (5) Copy of current FAFSA.

Final Checklist: Have you included?

- 1) **Your personal essay**
- 2) **Your transcript**
- 3) **Acceptance letter to school (if entering Freshman)**
- 4) **Two (2) letters of recommendation or check that they have been sent.**
- 5) **Current FAFSA form including parents' S.A.I. (Student Aid Index)**
- 6) **Financial Disclosure Form (If needed)**
- 7) **Have you applied for all Scholarships that you may qualify for?**

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Applicant's Name (First, Middle initial, Last): _____

Date of birth _____

Applying for: (Please check all the scholarships that you are qualified for. We strongly encourage you to apply for more than one.)

Beginning Students Only:

____ Mathias Severin Torgersen Jr. Scholarship

____ Norma G. Nelson Scholarship

____ Rev. Paul L. Wells Scholarship

Beginning and/or Continuing Students:

____ Learned T. Bulman Scholarship

____ Ruth E. Frost Scholarship (Financial Disclosure Form)

____ Lon Leveto Scholarship (Financial Disclosure Form)

____ Sanman/Spender Scholarship (Financial Disclosure Form)

____ Steven L. Wexler Scholarship

Post Graduate Students Only:

____ Seelinger-Thompson Scholarship

Applicant's permanent home address:

Applicant's Phone/Cell Number: _____

Applicant's Email : _____

____ Check here if your current mailing address is different from your permanent address.

Current mailing address:

Dates your current address will be in effect: from _____ to _____

School presently attending (name, city, state) or will attend in the Fall:

What grade or class will you be entering? _____

If not currently enrolled, give date of last enrollment and grade or class _____

Did you include a copy of your most recent transcript? _____ (Y/N)

Your plans after graduation from high school (for entering Freshman):

___ two-year program ___ four-year program ___ Other

Degree or Certificate sought: _____

Major field of study: _____

Your career goal: _____

School at which the scholarship is to be used (name, city, state)

****If you are an entering Freshman, include a copy of your acceptance letter from this school****

Your estimated expenses for the coming school year. Please be as accurate as possible.

Tuition _____ Room and Board _____

Books and other fees _____ Travel expenses _____

Total estimated expenses: _____

Have you received scholarship assistance from any other sources? ___(Y/N)

If yes, please specify the exact amount(s) and the name(s) of scholarship(s).

How long have you been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church? _____

Church activities in which you have participated (please indicate leadership positions)

School or community activities in which you have participated (indicate leadership positions)

School/Church Honors and Awards:

Signature of applicant

x _____

I endorse this scholarship application for my child (if under 18): (Signature of Parent)

x _____

Please note: All information submitted is considered confidential and for the sole use of the scholarship committee.

Financial Disclosure Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Father or Male Guardian: _____ **Age:** _____

Occupation/Name & Address of Employer _____ **Years w/Firm:** _____

Mother or Female Guardian: _____ **Age:** _____
Years w/Firm: _____

Occupation/Name & Address of Employer _____

Approximate combined income from wages or business \$ _____

[The Leveto Scholarship and Seelinger-Thompson Scholarship do not require the Assets Section]

Assets: Cash, savings, checking account \$ _____

Home, market value less mortgage (renters use 0) \$ _____

Other real estate and investments value \$ _____

Please List all other children in the family:

Name:	Age:	Grade or College Year:

Please List all other Dependents receiving financial support from family:

Name:	Age:	Relation to Student:	Living with Family?

(Over)

Student Work History:

Have you worked part-time or during the summer? _____ Yes _____ No

Will you work this summer? _____ Yes _____ No

If you are going to work this summer, give name of employer and estimated income:

Employer: _____ Estimated summer income: _____

Employment History:

Name of Employer:	Dates of Employment:	Est. Hours Per Week:

Please state below any unusual circumstances which you feel make it imperative that you have financial aid in the form of a scholarship:

Signature of Applicant

Date