

2023 Trinity UMC Scholarships

Application deadline for scholarships: May 5, 2023 at 12 p.m. Application forms are available in the church office or via the church website. Please contact Kari Anzel with any questions at 908 852-3020.

Scholarships for Beginning Students Only (3):

The Mathias Severin Torgersen Memorial Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2008 in memory of Rev. Mathias Torgersen by the United Methodist Men, is to provide aid to a high school senior to begin his/her higher education at a college or trade school. The applicant must be an active participant in the ministry of Trinity Church and a regular worship attendee. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity.

The Norma G. Nelson Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 1995 in memory of Norma G. Nelson, is to provide for a high school senior within the church who is continuing his/her higher education at a four-year college. The applicant must be accepted to a four-year college in pursuit of a bachelor's or comparable degree. The criteria for the award are: Christian character, Christian discipleship, and financial need.

The Rev. Paul L. Wells Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2018, is to honor of Rev. Paul L. Wells for 26 years of voluntary, dedicated and inspirational ministry, made possible by members of Trinity Church. This scholarship is meant to assist a high school senior to begin his/her higher education at a college or trade school. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity and must be an active participant in the ministry of Trinity and a regular worship attendee.

Scholarships for Beginning and/or Continuing Students(6):

The Learned T. Bulman Scholarship

This scholarship was first awarded in 2018. This scholarship is meant to provide a high school senior or current college student assistance with his/her higher education at a college or university. The recipient shall be engaged or intending to engage in the **field of the humanities**, as opposed to math or science. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity Church who are regular worship attendees.

The Ruth E. Frost Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2017 in memory of Ruth E. Frost, is to assist church youth who have demonstrated health need, financial need or ill parents with his/her educational costs. The applicants will be evaluated on their Christian character (following the moral and ethical teachings of Jesus), Christian discipleship (displaying willingness to follow and serve Christ), financial need, health needs, or illness of a parent.

The Lon Leveto Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, awarded in memory of Lon Leveto, is for ministry students, high school seniors and adults seeking further higher education or trade school enrollment. Candidates should be a member of Trinity, and have discipleship background in church and/or community.

The Ryan James Cameron Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2013 in memory of Ryan James Cameron, is to provide a high school senior or high school graduate (under the age of 21) to begin or continue his/her higher education at a four-year college. The applicant must be accepted or currently enrolled at a four-year college. The criteria for the award are: character, Christian discipleship, church and community service, and financial need. The award may be divided among up to two applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The applicant should be a member of Trinity.

The Sanman/Spender Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 1999 in memory of Ivan Sanman and Frank H. Spender, Jr., is to provide for an area high school senior or high school graduate (under age 21) to begin or continue their higher education at a college or trade school. The applicant must be accepted to or currently attend a college or trade school. The criteria for awarding of this scholarship are: character, Christian discipleship, community citizenship and financial need. The award may be divided among up to three applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee. This scholarship is open to members of the community and does not require the applicant to be a member of Trinity.

The Steven L. Wexler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, first awarded in 2021, is awarded in memory of Steven L. Wexler. A longtime member of Trinity Church who was incredibly curious and loved to learn. Steven had strengths in Music, the Sciences, and English. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who has a passion for learning toward an academic goal. There is no specific requirement for a field of study. The candidate would preferably be associated with Trinity but in the spirit of inclusiveness and passion for learning, a student from the community may be the qualified candidate.

Scholarships for Post Graduate Students only (1):

The Seelinger-Thompson Scholarship

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2017 in memory of George A. Seelinger and Katherine Thompson, is to assist those who are pursuing a new course of study or new career. Applicants must be accepted to or currently enrolled in a post-graduate program. The criteria for the award are: character, Christian discipleship, church and community service, and financial need.

Trinity UMC 2023 Scholarship Application
Application deadline: May 5, 2023 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.

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 E.F.C. (Estimated Family Contribution.)

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, Ryan James Cameron, 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 Church. All other scholarships require applicants to be members or active participants of Trinity Church.

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.

Application deadline: May 5, 2023 by 12pm

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**
- 5) **Current FAFSA form including parents' E.F.C.**
- 6) **Financial Disclosure Form (If needed)**
- 7) **Have you applied for all Scholarships that you may qualify for?**

Trinity Church 2023 Scholarship Application

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

Date of birth _____

Applying for: (Please check all for which you are applying—you may 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)

____ Ryan James Cameron Scholarship

____ 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