



Scholarship Guidelines

The Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship Board of Trustees wishes to make the following information known to all scholarship applicants:

The Scholarship Board of Trustees, selected and appointed as impartial, discerning administrators, accept the challenge of governance of the Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship Program acting in good faith and within the Waldensian Presbyterian Women By-laws and with full accord of the Session of Waldensian Presbyterian Church.

Initial Application Requirements

1. Complete application form
2. Essay
3. **Official** transcript of complete high school and/or college credits, to date
4. Provisional acceptance by an accredited two- or four-year undergraduate or graduate school, if available
5. Three (3) personal letters of recommendation/reference

Criteria for Selection

1. Applicant must meet criteria in either A. or B.
 - A. Applicant is an active, resident member of Waldensian Presbyterian Church for the past 12 months or has been a member for that period of time prior to entering college.
 - B. Applicant is a High School Senior Girl Scout or Boy Scout active in troops sponsored by Waldensian Presbyterian Church for a minimum of 2 years.
2. Applicant must be a full-time student for the year applying for scholarship.
3. Applicant must submit evidence of high academic achievement maintaining a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5.

Renewal Application Requirements

- A student is eligible for one renewal scholarship during his/her academic studies
- Applications for scholarship renewal must be received by the March 1 deadline.
A complete, **Official** college transcript is required that includes the semester immediately prior to the application

Scholarships

Scholarships of varying amounts are awarded for only one academic school year and must be re-applied for by the student. Scholarships may be awarded only twice during a student's academic studies.

Scholarship Policies

1. Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship Endowment, Michael J. Morse Scholarship Endowment, Rostan Family Scholarship Endowment, and the Mildred and Hugh Fletcher Scholarship Endowment awards scholarships annually for undergraduate and/or graduate studies.
2. Deferment Policies – Scholarships may be deferred by students who interrupt their education for church service, military service or medical reasons. A written notification must be submitted to the Scholarship Board of Trustees explaining the reason for deferment, when the student is leaving and when they expect to return. To reinstate the scholarship, the student must notify the Scholarship Board of Trustees two months prior to their return. Deferment is limited to 30 months.
3. Deadlines – Scholarship applications must be submitted before March 1.
4. Funds are Specific – All scholarships are specific for the purpose they are awarded. Disbursement is made directly to the college or university. Any exception must be approved by the Scholarship Board of Trustees.
5. Other conditions – Other situations not covered in these policies will be considered on an individual basis by the Scholarship Selection Committee and the Scholarship Board of Trustees.
6. Any questions should be referred to the Scholarship Board of Trustees.
7. Scholarship applications must be returned to the church office postmarked by the March 1 deadline at:

Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship Board
Waldensian Presbyterian Church
109 Main Street E
Valdese, NC 28690

**Waldensian Presbyterian Women
Initial Scholarship Application**

(Please type or print clearly – To be completed by applicant.)

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cellphone Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____

(If applicable)

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

(If applicable)

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

If you do not live with your parents, give name and address of your Guardian/spouse:

Number of adults living in your home _____ Children _____

(If applicable)

Father's Occupation _____

(If applicable)

Mother's Occupation _____

(If applicable)

Applicant's Occupation _____

(If applicable)

Spouse's Occupation _____

High School you attended: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Number in class _____

Rank in Class _____

Last Institution of higher learning attended: _____

Dates attended: _____

Number in class _____

Rank in Class _____

Church Membership: _____

Church Participation: (may continue on back) _____

Community Activities: (may continue on back) _____

School Activities: (may continue on back) _____

Scout Activities/Awards (may continue on back) _____

List of Colleges/Universities you have applied to for admission:

1st Choice _____ Accepted? Yes _____ No _____

2nd Choice _____ Accepted? Yes _____ No _____

What is your intended Major? _____ Minor? _____

Have you applied for any other scholarship aid? If so, list and state value.

Have you been awarded any other scholarship aid? If so, list and state value.

Have you applied for any kind of work scholarship whereby you may earn part of your tuition?

Why do you desire to continue your education? What are your goals for the future?

Essay/Personal Statement A or B: (typed, double-spaced, 1" margins, 250-500 words)

A. What role has Waldensian Presbyterian Church and/or its scouting programs played in your educational development up to the present? How will it influence you in the future?

B. Describe a circumstance that was influential in your education and your personal faith.

References: Request that the following named persons compose a letter of recommendation concerning you and covering the following points: Christian character, scholastic ability, need for financial assistance and other personal data that might be relevant. Seal in an envelope and return with this application.

- Minister, Youth Advisor, Scout Leader, or Waldensian Presbyterian Church Member involved in your Christian Education _____

- Teacher/Professor/Advisor _____

- One qualified person who is not a member of Waldensian Presbyterian Church or your scout leadership team _____

ATTACH an official transcript of your grades, the completed financial statement, sealed letters of reference (not applicable for renewals), and return NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 to the following:

Presbyterian Women Scholarship Board
Attention: Scholarship Selection Committee
Waldensian Presbyterian Church
109 Main Street E
Valdese, NC 28690

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(Please type or print clearly - To be completed by Parent/Guardian or Person financially responsible)

Father's Name: (where applicable) or Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Mother's Name: (where applicable) or Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Annual expenses: Total _____ Distributed as follows:

Room/board _____ Tuition/fees _____ Books _____

Expected Financial Need: _____

Expected date of completion of academic study: _____

How many persons (children, relatives, etc.) are dependent upon your income?

How many dependents will be enrolled in a college or university in the coming school year? _____

Reasons for this scholarship request: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

All information on this page is considered strictly confidential and may not be released without consent of the signee.