



**First Christian Church**

**Disciples of Christ**

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## ***2026 First Christian Church Scholarship Application***

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This application will be used for all FCC Scholarships

I am qualified and applying for the following scholarship(s)-check ALL that apply:

- FCC Member Scholarships
- James H. and Connie J. Houston Community College Scholarship
- Donald H. and E. Bernice Mink Nursing Scholarship
- Moke C. Owens FCC Music Scholarship
- Peggy Thiel Education Scholarship
- Larry Moss Agricultural Scholarship
- John C. Faust Ministerial Scholarship

### **General Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently employed?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Where?** \_\_\_\_\_

### **School/Course of Study**

**Name of college you are/will be attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of college** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial aid contact name and number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your anticipated date of graduation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Field of study/degree you are seeking** \_\_\_\_\_



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**What and/or who inspired you to choose this field?**

**What experiences do you have in this field to this point?**

**What do you envision doing in the future with this degree?**



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**Financial Need**

**Have you been informed of any other financial assistance you will be given? If so, please explain. How will this scholarship help you financially in pursuing your degree?**

**Activities/Affiliations**

**What clubs/groups are you a member of currently? What skills are you gaining that will help you in your field of study?**

**Do you have an affiliation with a church? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please give us a background of your church involvement, if any. If you are applying for an FCC member scholarship, be as specific as possible.**



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### Summary

Summarize why you would be a good candidate for the scholarship(s) you are requesting. What makes you stand out among other candidates? What else would you like us to know?

Please list the names of two people (not related to you), and their positions, who are recommending you for one of these scholarships. You must provide them with one of the enclosed recommendation forms (on the next two pages).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All applications, transcripts, and recommendation forms are due by Friday, April 17, 2026. Please mail your application and transcripts to: First Christian Church c/o Memorials Committee, 201 S. Main Street, Paris, IL 61944.**



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**First Christian Church Scholarship Recommendation Form**

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What are 3 outstanding character traits of this person?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How do you feel these traits will benefit them in their collegiate career?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Final statement of confidence: In one sentence, summarize why you feel that this applicant deserves consideration for this scholarship.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**Church Scholarships**

**FCC Member Only Scholarships**

**Eligibility:**

- A. A member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Paris, Illinois
- B. A graduating senior, current college student, and a resident of the Paris community
- C. Can be male or female to apply for any of the five scholarships
- D. Attending a recognized institution of higher learning
- E. Involvement in the life of the First Christian Church congregation
- F. Applicants must return a fully completed application (pages 1-4 of application packet) in a sealed envelope to: First Christian Church c/o Memorials Committee, 201 S. Main Street, Paris, IL 61944 by **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.  
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- G. Two completed recommendation forms by non-related individuals (included in the application packet)
- H. Include your complete transcripts with your application.
- I. Awards will only be sent to the applicant's school.
- J. Awards will not be split between 2 or more applicants.

**Scholarships and Amounts:**

- Harold & Faye Jump Memorial Scholarship - **\$1000**
- John Z. & Ruth W. Frazier Scholarship - **\$750**
- Bill Kerrick Memorial Scholarship - **\$750**
- Disciples Men's Scholarship - **\$500**
- Joe & Nila Hasler Scholarship - **\$1000**



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**Church Scholarships**

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**Scholarships Available to All Eligible Applicants  
Member and Non-Member**

**John C. Faust Ministerial Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- A. Applicant must use this scholarship to study for a “Christian vocation,” such as Pastoral Ministry, Christian Counseling, Teaching, Education, or Youth Ministry.
  - B. Award is to be used at a recognized graduate seminary or an undergraduate college.
  - C. Applicants must return a fully completed application (pages 1-4 of application packet) in a sealed envelope to: First Christian Church c/o Memorials Committee, 201 S. Main Street, Paris, IL 61944 by **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.  
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  - G. Awards will not be split between 2 or more applicants.
  - H. This scholarship is for one year in the amount of **\$1000**.
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**James H. and Connie J. Houston Community College Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- A. Applicant must be a graduating senior, a current college student, or a resident of the Paris community.
- B. Preference will be given to First Christian Church members.
- C. This is for a two-year community college program or a short-term vocational training program in any field.
- D. Applicant must be attending a recognized institution of higher education.
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- J. This is a one-year scholarship in the amount of **\$1000**.



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### **Donald H. & E. Berniece Mink Nursing Scholarship**

#### **Eligibility:**

- A. Applicant must be a graduating senior or a resident of the Paris community.
  - B. Applicant can be male or female and must be furthering their education in nursing toward an RN degree, an LPN status, or advance nursing professional training.
  - C. Applicant must be attending a recognized institution of higher education.
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  - H. Awards will not be split between 2 or more applicants.
  - I. This is a one-year scholarship in the amount of **\$250**.
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### **Larry Moss Agricultural Scholarship**

#### **Eligibility:**

- A. Applicant is to be a graduating senior, a current college student, or a resident of the Paris community.
- B. Preference will be given to First Christian Church members.
- C. This is to promote education in the field of agriculture. Therefore, this scholarship can be used for a two-year program, or a four-year degree in any agricultural field.
- D. Applicant can be male or female.
- E. Applicant must be attending a recognized institution of higher learning.
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- K. This is a one-year scholarship in the amount of **\$500**.



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### **Moke C. Owens / First Christian Church Music Scholarship**

#### **Eligibility:**

- A. Applicant must be a graduating senior or any resident of the Paris community.
  - B. Award is to be used at a recognized institution of higher learning.
  - C. Priority for award will be given to those majoring or minoring in music or related field.
  - D. Consideration will also be given based on past participation in music or related activities, as well as, anticipated future involvement in such.
  - E. Applicants must return a fully completed application (pages 1-4 of application packet) in a sealed envelope to: First Christian Church c/o Memorials Committee, 201 S. Main Street, Paris, IL 61944 by **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.  
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  - I. Awards will not be split between 2 or more applicants.
  - J. This is a one-year scholarship in the amount of **\$750**.
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### **Peggy Thiel Education Scholarship**

#### **Eligibility:**

- A. Applicant is to be a graduating senior, a current college student, or a resident of the Paris community.
- B. Preference will be given to First Christian Church members.
- C. This is an education scholarship to support and promote teaching. Applicants are to be working toward a degree in education or on advance training in education.
- D. Applicant must be attending a recognized institution of higher learning.
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- J. This is a one-year scholarship in the amount of **\$1000**.