

## **First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas Permanent Endowment Fund Scholarship Policy**

The Scholarship Policy of the Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) dated January 10, 1997, has been modified to bring it into conformance with the Mission Statement recently adopted by the PEF trustees which states as follows:

*“The First Presbyterian Church Permanent Endowment Fund of Newton, Kansas, exists to provide financial assistance to any activity, person or persons that will further the work of God’s kingdom on this earth and because the earnings from these resources will always be limited that priority will always be given to those requests that meet the test of the highest and best usage and they always be considered in this order when making allocations.”*

The updated scholarship policy will become effective for the school year 2003 and 2004 thereby not affecting those scholarship awards presently in effect.

This updated scholarship policy will continue to take into consideration the following philosophy for making awards:

- (1) The future of the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas depends on the young people of the church.
- (2) The church values education and continues to encourage it.
- (3) Active membership and participation in the life of the church is of high value to the youth of the church and is strongly encouraged and worthy of recognition.
- (4) Any scholarship program of the PEF taking into consideration (1), (2) and (3) above will be readily understandable by the youth of the church and easy to administer.

Applications for scholarships are expected to meet the following eligibility requirements:

- (1) Membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas.
- (2) Submit a statement attesting to the active participation in the life of the church for three years preceding the submission of the application. If extenuating circumstances prevail limiting the applicant’s participation, consideration upon review will still be given the applicant if a God and faith commitment is evident.
- (3) Applications are to contain a list of activities and services to the church in which he or she has been involved such as youth group participation, scripture reading, singing in the choir, ushering, assisting with Vacation Bible School, attending church, Sunday School, etc...
- (4) Applicant will not need to show financial need as this will not be a considering factor for awards.
- (5) An applicant should show evidence of being a full time student who is progressing toward an educational goal. This would include submitting a copy of proof of the next year’s enrollment.
- (6) The Permanent Endowment Fund Scholarship will not be given to the same person more than twice.
- (7) Scholarships will not be limited to college education efforts but may be used for other advance education, i.e., vocational training, nursing, seminary, graduate school, etc...

Applications will be mailed just after January 1, of each year to high school seniors and post-high school students who have received a scholarship and are eligible for a second year. **Completed applications must be submitted by March 31.** Church newsletter and church bulletins will also be used to publicize scholarship applications. Applications will be submitted to the church office and relayed to the PEF trustees.

Announcement of scholarship grants will be made by April 30 and recognition of recipients will be made in May. Scholarship payments will be payable to the student. Awardees will be required to be present at the Sunday morning church service when the scholarship awards are presented. Absence from this awards presentation ceremony will automatically cancel the award. It is appropriate for those applicants who receive PEF scholarships to acknowledge the receipt of the scholarship and be willing to share with the congregation the progress in their education.

(Revised: May 15, 2016)

**First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas  
Permanent Endowment Fund Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Highest academic level achieved to date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a student? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to enroll in the Fall? \_\_\_\_\_

Dependents? (number and relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning date of employment \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Identify your field of study and career goals (use additional sheets if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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Identify your background including accomplishments, awards or honors received (use additional sheets if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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Identify your involvements in the life of the church in the last THREE years. Share about your commitment to God and faith (use additional sheets if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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List up to three references who are familiar with your capabilities and interests

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently receiving or applying for other scholarships, grants, or awards? If so, please explain:

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*I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO MY BEST BELIEF.*

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Following completion of this application, it should be accompanied by an up-to-date academic transcript and sent to First Presbyterian Church Permanent Endowment Fund, 900 Columbus Avenue, Newton, KS 67114.

**Deadline for applications is March 31.** The applicant may choose to provide a cover letter describing special circumstances that relate to his or her application. Additional information may be requested by the Foundation before final consideration is given.

Notification will be provided approximately April 30, each year. Comment may or may not be given as a part of the notification. The decision of the Board of Trustees of First Presbyterian Church Permanent Endowment Fund shall be final.