

Scholarship Programs

The Evangelical Reformed Church is fortunate to have two scholarship programs available to our members as they seek educational opportunities to develop knowledge and skill in realization of their full potential.

The McCardell Scholarship Fund has been established by Mr. Robert McCardell in honor and memory of members of the McCardell family. The Keiffer Scholarship fund was established in honor of Henri L.G. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910-1946.

The McCardell Fund has been made possible by a gift of \$100,000 made during the “Faith Opens Doors” campaign. The Kieffer Fund was established by the Consistory and may be added to by contributions of members and organizations. These two funds will be managed together and the interest income from the funds will provide for college scholarships awarded annually to members of our congregation by our Scholarship Committee.

The scholarships are gifts to church members for post-secondary undergraduate education. The awards will be based on the quality of the candidate’s plan for use of the funds, the ability and promise of the applicant and the need for the financial assistance. Active participation in church life will be considered. Scholarship aid may continue in subsequent years after submission of an updated application.

Application Procedures:

1. New applicants may obtain the appropriate forms from the church office after January 1. Individuals applying for fall as well as the following winter or spring terms should apply at this time.
2. Renewing applicants must notify the church office of this intent and submit transcripts from the current year and the updated financial information sheet if there is a significant change in their financial status.
3. The completed application must be in the church office by the 30th of April. It is the applicant’s responsibility to assure its completeness, including the letters of recommendation and transcripts from high school and post-secondary programs.
4. Candidates for the scholarships will be interviewed by the committee during May or June. The date and time will be made known to candidates as soon as possible in early May.
5. Recipients will receive their scholarship award following the interview with the committee. The check will be written to the school which the student will attend.

APPLICATION

**Evangelical Reformed Church Scholarship Program
Evangelical Reformed Church U.C.C.
15 West Church Street Frederick, MD 21701**

Full Name: _____

Year Joined Church _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Present school or occupation _____

Address of school or job site _____

Explain to the selection committee the reasons why you plan to further your education and what goals you have set for yourself. Use the other side if more space is needed.

During your middle and high school years how have you participated in or contributed to the life of Evangelical Reformed Church?

Name the institution you plan to attend and the reasons you have for the choice.

Have you been accepted as a student? _____

If not, what is the status of your application?

Before your interview with the selection committee please:

- 1. Submit recommendations from:**
A current teacher who can attest to your ability and promise in carrying out your educational plan
A community leader or employer with whom you have worked in completion of tasks (e.g., Scout Leader, volunteer coordinator or boss)
A fellow student or colleague who knows you and your plans and can testify to your commitment and seriousness from the viewpoint of a close relationship

Give one of the accompanying forms to each and ask that it be mailed to the church office so it is received no later than April 30th. You may want to include addressed and stamped envelopes for this purpose.

- 2. Submit copies of transcripts from high school and any post secondary work with this application. The high school transcript should indicate class rank among the information.**
- 3. Submit the accompanying financial reports to the church office.**
(ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE SEEN ONLY BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE)

Financial Report – How many years will your plan take? _____

Carefully estimate your annual expenses and record them in the appropriate space. If your plan takes less than four years, use only that number of spaces.

Expense	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Tuition					
Room & Board					
Fees					
Books					
Travel					
Other					
Grand Total					

What sources of funding do you have to finance your plan?

Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Parent/Relative					
Scholarships					
Savings					
Loans					
Jobs					
Other					
Grand Total					

What sum are you requesting from the Scholarship fund for each year of your plan?

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
From Scholarship fund					