

ERICKSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Upon completion, both pages of this form should be mailed, postmarked no later than May 1, to:

Valley Presbyterian Church
Attn.: Kris Bahr
6947 E. McDonald Drive
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Eligibility requirements are listed on the accompanying information sheet.

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Gender (Male/Female) _____

Date of Birth (day/month/year): _____

Name of High School: _____
City and State: _____
Phone Number: _____
Year of Graduation: _____
Grade Point Average: _____

For High School Seniors:
First Choice College: _____
Second Choice College: _____

For Currently Enrolled College Students:
Name of College: _____
Major: _____
City and State: _____
Phone Number: _____
Expected Year of Graduation
and Degree: _____
Grade Point Average: _____

For Seminary Students:
Name of College or University: _____
City and State: _____
Phone Number: _____
Year of Graduation: _____
Seminary where you have applied: _____

I have been a member of Valley Presbyterian Church for _____ years

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Recent church involvement
or activities:

Community Service:

Honors/Awards/Recognition/
Other

Future Career Plans:

Statement of Financial Need
for tuition, books, room, meals,
travel, and other expenses

Applicant Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

- Your letter of reference from a pastor should be mailed separately.
- Please submit your application, along with a statement of faith, no later than May 1.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ERICKSON SCHOLARSHIP

Who can apply?

- High school seniors
- Individuals currently enrolled in college
- Individuals entering seminary
- Church staff are eligible

Applicants must:

- Be a member of Valley Presbyterian Church, or be actively involved in a church
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Have a minimum of a B average in high school, or a B average in the applicant's chosen major for currently enrolled college students

What types of schools can the scholarship be used for?

- A Presbyterian seminary
- A public or private college, university or community college offering pre-seminary courses

What is the amount of the scholarship?

- Dollar amount dependent upon Foundation distribution policy and number of complete applications received

What can the money be used for?

- Tuition
- Books
- Room and board on-campus

What is required of scholarship recipients?

- Recipients must be enrolled in at least twelve credit hours (full-time student) in the academic year during which they receive the scholarship
- Recipients must submit a letter to the scholarship benefactors prior to the end of the academic year describing their spiritual, personal and academic experiences and growth during the year

Can recipients reapply in successive years?

- Yes, although the application and review process will be competitive for all applicants each year

What is the schedule?

- Announcements regarding availability of the scholarship will be made beginning in March
- Applications must be submitted by May 1. Late applications will not be accepted
- Applicants may be called for interviews at the discretion of the committee
- Recipients will be chosen by May 31, with notification letters to be sent shortly thereafter
- Awards will be made in the form of checks payable to the appropriate college or university

What is required for a completed application?

- Completed application form
- Statement of faith (150 words or less)
- Letter of reference from the pastor of your church
- A copy of the student's transcript may be requested at the discretion of the Scholarship Team

Who will review the applications and make the award?

- Scholarship Team (comprised of one Student Ministry elder, one Finance & Operations elder, one Foundation trustee and Director of Finance)

How will the scholarship be publicized?

- An announcement will be printed in the *Valley Vine* and *Evine* and posted on the VPC website in March
- An announcement will be printed in the VPC Sunday worship bulletin beginning with the first Sunday in March

Announcements will be made at other appropriate venues such as High School youth group