

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Purpose: To provide a scholarship(s) to high school graduates that are members of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ. Recipients must enter an undergraduate program of study leading to a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Amount: At least one scholarship up to \$1,000.00 (maximum) will be awarded annually.

Qualifications:

A. Educational Achievements

1. Applicant must be a current high school senior or graduate or have earned a GED **and** be a Zion Reformed UCC member who will be attending college in the **2022-2023** Academic Year.
2. Consideration **will** be given to academic class standing and/or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or other college entrance examination scores.

B. Evidence of Demonstrated Leadership Experiences

C. Evidence of Community Involvement

Procedure:

A. Announcement: The announcement of the name(s) of the successful applicant(s) will be made by letter before **August 1st**.

B. Payment: The treasurer of Zion Reformed UCC shall forward two checks to the financial officer of the recipient's institution of higher learning. Each check will be one-half of the awarded scholarship amount.

- a. One check shall be sent upon matriculation of the student.
- b. The second check to be forwarded at the beginning of the second semester.

C. All completed applications and related information should be sent to:

Zion Reformed United Church of Christ
Attn: George B. Cash Jr. Scholarship Committee
201 North Potomac Street
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
zionrucc@myactv.net

D. Questions and Inquiries: General information and inquiries should be made to the church office at 301.739.7244 or by email at zionrucc@myactv.net. Written inquiries may also be made to the above listed address.



Application: All interested candidates must submit a completed application which must be **received at the church on or before June 30th** and include the following:

A. Application Form: Interested candidates must complete an application form available for pick-up at the church office or for download at www.zionreformed.church/scholarship. Applications must include the following supporting documentation:

1. **Current Copy of High School Transcript**
2. **Two Letters of Recommendation:**
 - One from a person not related to any member of Zion Reformed UCC.
 - One from a school official such as an administrator, counselor or teacher.
3. **Letter of Interest:** A letter of interest, written or typed, by the applicant that includes the applicant's goals and aspirations. The letter should not be more than 500 words in length.

Submit completed scholarship application and supporting documentation (transcript, letters of recommendation, and letter of interest) to the church office by mail, in-person, or email scan:

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Reapplication: Successful recipients of the George B. Cash Jr. Scholarship may reapply annually. Reapplicants must submit following so that it is **received at the church on or before June 30th**:

A. Letter of Interest: A letter of interest, written or typed, by the applicant that includes the applicant's goals and aspirations and how their college journey thus far has affected said goals and aspirations. The letter should not be more than 500 words in length. In addition to providing a letter of interest, reapplicants must include the following supporting documentation:

1. **Updated Contact Information** (name, phone, address, email)
2. **Current Copy of College Transcript**

Submit letter of interest and supporting documentation (transcript and contact info update) by mail, in-person, or email scan to the address or email listed above.

Limitations:

- A.** The applicant must be a current high school senior or graduate or have earned a GED AND be a Zion Reformed UCC member who will be attending college in the **2022-2023** Academic Year.
- B.** The scholarship(s) will be awarded **without** regard to recipient's race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap.
- C.** The awards will be made based upon the decision(s) of the Cash Scholarship Committee. The decision(s) of the committee are final.
- D.** Should the recipient(s) fail to matriculate for the college or university indicated, the committee may totally revoke or alter the amount indicated. The committee could choose to select a replacement recipient.
- E.** The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to alter or amend procedures, amounts, or limitations without notification.