

2017 PEOPLES CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Peoples Church provides three types of scholarships, the Peoples Church Member (**PCM**) Scholarship, the Peoples Church Community (**PCC**) Scholarship and the Peoples Church Designated High School (**DHS**) Community Scholarship. Guidelines for eligibility are described below.

Guidelines for Eligibility and Award

- 1) Peoples Church Member (**PCM**) Scholarship applicant –
 - a) Must be a graduating high school senior who has joined Peoples Church either by confirmation or by answering the call to membership, prior to April 1, 2016.
- 2) Peoples Church Community (**PCC**) Scholarship applicant –
 - a) Must be a graduating high school senior who has participated during high school years in one or more of the Peoples Church Community activities for students in high school: Peoples Girl Scouts, Peoples Boy Scouts, Peoples Youth Ministry.*
- 3) Peoples Church Designated High School (**DHS**) Community Scholarship applicant-
 - a) Must be a graduating high school senior, attending one of the District of Columbia public schools.**
- 4) Scholarship applicant must be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in a post-secondary degree granting program.
- 5) The application and supporting materials must be mailed or hand delivered to the church office at 4704 13th Street N.W, Washington, D.C. 20011-4458, or emailed to peoplesscholarship@gmail.com. Applicant must send an email notification to peoplesscholarship@gmail.com stating that the application was hand-delivered or mailed, if so done. Completed application and supporting materials **must be received** by Peoples Scholarship Committee at the church or by email by **5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, May 5, 2017**. Applications and supporting materials received after the due date and time will not be considered.
- 6) The successful applicants will be selected based on many factors at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. These include, but are not limited to: community service/extracurricular activities, personal and academic merit, involvement in the Peoples Church Community (**PCM** and **PCC** applicants only), leadership roles, number of activities, degree and longevity of involvement.

- 7) Scholarship applicants must notify Peoples Scholarship Committee, immediately, of changes that affect their applications after submission, including their designated college/post-secondary institution.
 - 8) All information in the application will be maintained as personal and confidential except for descriptive information that may be shared during the awards presentation.
 - 9) Scholarship awards can be paid directly to the awardee or to the awardee's parent/guardian.
 - 10) Peoples Church member (PCM) awardees may be eligible for up to (4) book grants in subsequent years. Only one scholarship or book grant award may be received in any calendar year.
 - 11) College Scholarship awards will be announced at Student Recognition Sunday to be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the 11 a.m. service. All awardees are expected to attend.
 - 12) It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a timely application regardless of whether she/he has posed a question or received an answer. Submit questions to the Scholarship Committee at peoplescholarship@gmail.com. The committee will do its best to respond to all inquiries promptly.
- * The "Peoples Church Community Scholarship" is for high school seniors in the Peoples Community who are not members of the church, yet are members of the Peoples Church Community (**PCC**). Applicants must have been a member of one of Peoples Church youth organizations during their high school years, such as Peoples Girl Scouts, Peoples Boy Scouts or the Peoples Youth Ministry (PYM).
- ** The DC Public Schools designated in the Peoples Congregational Community are: Anacostia High School, Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, Frank W. Ballou High School, Francis L. Cardozo High School, Columbia Heights Educational Campus, Calvin Coolidge High School, Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Eastern High School, McKinley Technology High School, Theodore Roosevelt High School, The School Without Walls High School, Woodrow Wilson High School, and H. D. Woodson High School.

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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarship Applicant:

Please complete this form and submit it as a part of your Scholarship Application Package on or before **Friday, May 5, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. EST.** It is crucial that you let the Scholarship Committee know to whom you want your check made out (the applicant or the parent) and the address to which it should be sent, if it is not given to you on Student Recognition Sunday, in case of award. *Note: Checks will not be mailed until the Scholarship Committee receives your proof of enrollment in a college/post-secondary school program.*

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

[PCM Applicant] Are you a member of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ? Y/N _____

[PCC Applicant] Peoples Community Youth Group of which you are a member:

(e.g., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PYM):

Name of High School currently attending: _____

Name and Phone Number of High School Counselor: _____

Name of College/University you will be attending: _____

Address of College/University: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

When will you start or continue this program (which term/year)? _____

Parent/Guardian's Name and Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Make Scholarship Check Payable To: _____

(e.g.: Your Name or Parent/Guardian's Name)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

PART II: SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Please attach the following:

- 1) A copy of your acceptance from the post-secondary school you will attend during the 2017 - 2018 academic year.
- 2) A copy of your high school transcript.
- 3) Please list any academic, leadership, or extracurricular awards you have received including the dates received. (If additional space is needed please attach a separate sheet.)

PART III: STATEMENT OF PLEDGE AND AFFIRMATION

To All Peoples Church Member College Scholarship Recipients and Their Parents and/or Guardians:

The members and friends of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ are pleased and proud of your academic accomplishments to date. The purpose of Peoples Church Scholarship awards is to support students who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary institutions of higher learning. Awards to church scholars are made primarily on the basis of church membership (PCM Applicant only), demonstrated leadership, community service and scholarship.

Scholarship awards are disbursed in check form. The check may be written to the scholarship recipient or to the recipient’s parent/guardian. If you would like your award in a check written to you, sign the statement of pledge and affirmation below. If you prefer to have your award in a check written in your parent’s name, both you and that parent must sign the following statement of pledge and affirmation:

I pledge and affirm that I will allocate and use the scholarship award I receive from Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ in the pursuit of higher education from the designated accredited institution of higher learning. I will affirmatively notify the Scholarship Committee of any material changes to my application after submission.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

PART IV: [PCM APPLICANTS] CHURCH SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Please let the Scholarship Committee know how and when you became a member of Peoples Congregational Church:

Did you join by confirmation? (Yes/No) _____ Date of confirmation: _____

Did you join by answering the call to invitation? (Yes/No): _____ Date of affirmation: _____

- 2. Please list all the church activities in which you have participated at Peoples (e.g. Peoples Youth Ministry, Peoples Church School, scouting, choirs, etc.), dates of participation and any leadership roles you have held.

PART V: COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list all community service and extracurricular activities in which you have participated, including dates of participation and the roles in which you have served. (If additional space is needed please attach a separate sheet.)

PART VI: PERSONAL ESSAYS (MUST SUBMIT 2 ESSAYS)

1. **PCM Applicants Only** - Please write a short essay about you as a Christian. Your essay should describe significant steps of Christian growth that you have experienced while specifically describing how Peoples Congregational Church contributed to your spiritual life. Write or type the essay on a separate sheet of paper. (250 word minimum, 500 words maximum).
2. **All Applicants** - Please write a short essay telling the Scholarship Committee about you as an individual (e.g. How would you describe yourself as a person? What do you like to do? What do you do to serve the community?) Write an essay that paints a picture of you. (250 word minimum, 500 word maximum).

PART VII: RELEASE

Our signatures below constitute acknowledgement of the plans to document the scholarship award process and serve as a release permitting the use of our images in any print, video, electronic recordings generated as part of Student Recognition Sunday. If you do NOT wish your likeness to be recorded and possibly displayed on bulletin boards at the church, on the church web site, or other materials associated with the Peoples Church Scholarship program please attach a note to that effect.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

PEOPLES SCHOLARSHIP 2017 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO USE THE CHECKLIST FOUND BELOW
TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE**

- _____ Completed Application (with appropriate signatures)
- _____ College/Post-secondary Program Acceptance Letter
- _____ High school transcript
- _____ List of Academic, Leadership or Extracurricular Awards
- _____ List of all Community Service and Extracurricular Activities
- _____ Personal Essay(s) [**PCC/DHS** Applicants – 1 essay; **PCM** Applicants – 2 essays]
- _____ Two Letters of Recommendation & Corresponding Cover Pages

Name of Recommender #1 _____

Name of Recommender #2 _____

Note: Checks will not be mailed until receipt of proof of enrollment in a college/university.

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION

PART VIII: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Each applicant is responsible for including two (2) letters of recommendation with the application.

[PCM and PCC Applicants]

One of these letters *must be* from a member of Peoples Church who is (or has been) affiliated with one or more of the church activities in which you have had some involvement, who is not a member of your immediate family, who can address your Peoples community engagement. This letter should be written on the form that is included with your application packet (*see the last two pages of this packet*). This template may be found at: www.peopleschurchucc.org/scholarship .

[All Applicants]

Someone who *is not* a member of Peoples Church should write the second letter of recommendation. You may wish to ask someone who is familiar with your academic achievements, involvement in civic, community and/or volunteer activities.

The Scholarship Committee requests that the student give the necessary form(s) to those who have been asked to write letters of recommendation in a timely fashion. Keep in mind that these letters must be enclosed in separate sealed envelopes and included in your application package.

Remember all materials are to be submitted by the deadline, Friday, May 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

**PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
4704 13th Street, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20011-4458
(202) 829-5511**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PEOPLES CHURCH MEMBER (PCM) SCHOLARSHIP

DEAR RECOMMENDATION LETTER WRITER:

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation to support _____ who is applying for a 2017 Peoples Congregational Church Member College Scholarship. Your letter should address your knowledge of the applicant’s academic achievements and her/his involvement in civic, community and/or volunteer activities. Please also share your knowledge of the applicant’s character, maturity, and career plans. For purposes of this scholarship, a character reference alone is insufficient. As such, please keep the aforementioned factors in mind as you write your letter.

Please write your letter of recommendation and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope on or via email to *peoplesscholarship@gmail.com*, **by Tuesday, May 2, 2017**. The “Cover Page”, found on the last page of this document should be attached to or incorporated into your letter of recommendation. The student is responsible for submitting her/his completed application, with letters of recommendation, to the Peoples Church Scholarship Committee by the “close of business” (COB) at **5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, May 5, 2017**.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to assist this applicant. If you wish, you may begin your letter on the cover page itself. Additional pages may be stapled together as needed. However, as you construct your letter, please be certain to attach or incorporate the cover page to it and return it to the student, so that she/he may meet the May 5th deadline or include it in the emailed recommendation. For any additional information you may contact Scholarship Committee Secretary, Maureen Sullivan or Scholarship Committee Chair, Robina Barlow by email: *peoplesscholarship@gmail.com*.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PEOPLES CHURCH COMMUNITY (PCC) SCHOLARSHIP

DEAR RECOMMENDATION LETTER WRITER:

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation to support the application of (Name, School) _____ for a 2017 Peoples Congregational Church Community (PCC) Scholarship. Your letter should address your knowledge of the applicant’s academic achievements and her/his involvement in civic, community, “Peoples Church Community” and/or volunteer activities. Please also share your knowledge of the applicant’s character, maturity, and career plans. For purposes of this scholarship, a character reference alone is insufficient. As such, please keep the aforementioned factors in mind as you write your letter.

Please write your letter of recommendation and return it to the student in a sealed envelope on or submit via email to *peoplesscholarship@gmail.com* before **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**. The “Cover Page”, found on the last page of this document into your letter of recommendation. The student is responsible for submitting her/his completed application, with letters of recommendation; to the Peoples Church Scholarship Committee by the “close of business” (COB) at **5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, May 5, 2017**.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to assist this applicant. If you wish, you may begin your letter on the cover page itself. Additional pages may be stapled together as needed. However, when you construct your letter, please be certain to attach or incorporate the cover page to it and return it to the student, so that she/he may meet the May 5th deadline. For any additional information, you may contact the Scholarship Committee or your liaison to the Scholarship Committee at *peoplesscholarship@gmail.com*.

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PEOPLES CHURCH DESIGNATED HIGH SCHOOL
(DHS) COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

DEAR RECOMMENDATION LETTER WRITER:

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation to support the application of (Name, School) _____ for a 2017 Peoples Congregational Church Community College Scholarship. Your letter should address your knowledge of the applicant's academic achievements and her/his involvement in civic, community and/or volunteer activities. Please also share your knowledge of the applicant's character, maturity, and career plans. For purposes of this scholarship, a character reference alone is insufficient. As such, please keep the aforementioned factors in mind as you write your letter. This template may be found at: www.PeoplesChurchUCC.org/Scholarship.

Please write your letter of recommendation and return it to the student in a sealed envelope before **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**, or submit it directly from an email address that may be verified to belong to you, by emailing it to peoplesscholarship@gmail.com. The "Cover Page", found on the last page of this document should be attached to or incorporated into your letter of recommendation. The student is responsible for submitting her/his completed application, either enclosing letters of recommendation or confirming that they have been e-mailed directly by the recommenders, to the Peoples Church Scholarship Committee the "close of business" (COB) at **5:00 p.m. EST, on Friday, May 5, 2017**.

Thank you for taking your valuable time in assisting this applicant. However you construct your letter, please be certain to attach or incorporate the cover page below and return it to the student or notify the student that you have separately submitted it so that she/he may meet the May 5th deadline. For any additional information you may contact the Peoples Church Scholarship Committee by sending an email with a clear subject line to: peoplesscholarship@gmail.com.



**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR
PEOPLES CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP**

COVER PAGE

(Please print neatly or complete this document on a computer)

APPLICANT'S NAME & SCHOOL: _____

RECOMMENDATION WRITER'S NAME: _____

WRITER'S SIGNATURE: Recommender's Electronic signature or typed name and e-mail address
*(Letter must be sent from listed e-mail with Subject line: Rec. for Student's First Initial, Last Name (School)-
Recommender's First Name, Last Name (e.g. Rec. for J. Doe (Best High School.) -- Mary Smith)*

WRITER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

WRITER'S TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (Please indicate which number is best to reach you.)

_____ (Daytime) _____ (Evening)

DATE OF THIS LETTER: _____

TYPE OR COPY PASTE LETTER BELOW (Feel free to add another page).

Student Applicant's Full Name and School _____
