

# PEOPLES CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Peoples Church provides three types of scholarships: Peoples Church Member (PCM) Scholarship, Peoples Church Community (PCC) Scholarship, and Peoples Church Designated High School (DHS) Community Scholarship. Guidelines for eligibility are as follows.

- 1) Peoples Church Member (PCM) Scholarship applicant 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 of the previous calendar year.
- 2) Peoples Church Community (PCC) Scholarship applicant 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: (examples: Peoples Girl Scouts, Peoples Boy Scouts, Peoples Youth Ministry. In addition, students must have been an active member of the organization for three consecutive years, starting in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The applicant need not be a member of Peoples Church.
- 3) Peoples Church Designated High School (DHS) Community Scholarship applicant must be a graduating high school senior, attending one of the District of Columbia public schools<sup>1</sup>.
- 4) Scholarship applicant must be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in an accredited post-secondary degree granting program.
- 5) The successful applicant 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.
- 6) The scholarship applicant must immediately notify the Peoples Scholarship Committee of any changes regarding their application after submission.

---

<sup>1</sup> 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, Roosevelt STAY High School, The School Without Walls High School, Woodrow Wilson High School, and H. D. Woodson High School.

- 7) All information in the application will be maintained as personal and confidential except for descriptive information that may be shared during the awards presentation.
- 8) Scholarship awards can be paid directly to the awardee or to the awardee's parent/guardian.
- 9) Peoples Church member (PCM) awardees may be eligible for up to (4) book grants starting in their sophomore year and through senior year. Only one scholarship or book grant award may be received in any calendar year.
- 10) College Scholarship awards will be recognized at Student Recognition Sunday which occurs in June.
- 11) It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a timely application regardless of whether (s)he has posed a question or received an answer. Submit questions to the Scholarship Committee at **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)**. The committee will do its best to respond to all inquiries promptly.

#### Instructions for Requesting a Scholarship Application

The application is available on the Peoples Congregational UCC website (**<http://peopleschurchucc.org/>**) under the Scholarship Committee tab or upon request by sending an email to **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)** with the title "Scholarship Application Request" in the subject line.

#### Instructions for Submitting Scholarship Applications

Complete scholarship application (typed and/or in print), including signature. Applications and supporting materials can then be submitted via email, postal mail, or in person. Transcripts and recommendation letters can either be emailed directly to **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)** or provided in sealed envelopes and supplied with the application if submitting via postal mail or in person to Peoples Congregational UCC.

To submit via email:

- 1) Completed applications are acceptable in Word doc or PDF format (i.e. .pdf, .doc, or .docx).
- 2) Send email to **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)** with the subject header contains the Applicant's Name and "Scholarship Application Email Submission" (e.g., Scholarship Application Email Submission – Jane Doe) with the completed application attached.
- 3) Have supporting documents submitted directly to **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)** with applicant's name mentioned in subject header.

To submit via regular postal mail or in person:

- 1) Official transcript(s) and recommendation letters should be submitted in sealed envelopes and provided in one mailing along with the application. Mail the scholarship application and the supporting materials to

Attn: Scholarship Committee  
Peoples Congregational UCC  
4704 13th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

or drop off document directly to the church main office.

- 2) Send a notification email to **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)** to advise the committee that the application and supporting materials have been mailed or delivered in person. In the subject header, include the applicant's Name and title "Scholarship Application Mailed" (or Delivered, as appropriate) (e.g. Scholarship Application Mailed – Jane Doe).

**All applications and materials must be received by 5:00 PM EST on the stated deadline date** provided on the website. A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant once the application has been received. The applicant bears the responsibility to confirm that the Committee has received their application.

### **Selection/Notification of Scholarship Awards**

Scholarship award recipients will be notified via email by the end of May. The Scholarship Committee retains the SOLE DISCRETION to award scholarships based on eligibility.

### **For More Information**

Any questions regarding the application and/or process should be directed to the Peoples UCC Scholarship Committee at **[scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org)**.



# PEOPLES CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Please complete this form and submit it as a part of your scholarship application package on or before **5:00 p.m. EST on the stated deadline provided online.** *Note: Awards will not be provided until the Scholarship Committee receives your proof of enrollment in a college/university.*

For which scholarship are you applying (select one): the

- Peoples Church Member (**PCM**) Scholarship
- Peoples Church Community (**PCC**) Scholarship
- Peoples Church Designated High School (**DHS**) Community Scholarship

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor Name and Contact Information (Phone Number, Email Address):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian's Name and Contact Information (Cell Phone Number, and Email address):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make Scholarship Check Payable To: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II: INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOLASTIC, EXTRACURRICULAR,  
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Please attach the following:

- 1) A copy of your acceptance from the post-secondary school you will attend during the upcoming academic year.
- 2) A copy of your official high school transcript.
- 3) A resume' that lists your academic, extracurricular, and community service activities. Be sure to include the years of service/activity, and associated leadership roles (if any) in all activities. **PCM and PCC applicants** should be sure to include activities associated with Peoples Congregational Church (e.g. Peoples Youth Ministry, Peoples Church School, scouting, choirs, etc.)

**PART III: [PCM APPLICANTS] CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Are you a member of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ?  Yes  No

How did you become a member?

Confirmation  Answering the call to invitation  Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART IV: PERSONAL ESSAY(S)**

Each essay (as applicable) should be between 250-500 words. The essay(s) should be on separate piece(s) of paper.

1. **All Applicants** - Write a short essay telling the Scholarship Committee about you as an individual (e.g. how would you describe yourself? What do you like to do? What do you do to serve the community?).
2. **Peoples Church Member (PCM) Applicants Only** - Write a second 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.

**PART V: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Each applicant is responsible for including two (2) letters of recommendation with the application. Recommenders can either supply their letter directly to the Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org), or in a sealed envelope with their signature over the seal and returned to the applicant to submit with their application.**

**[PCM Applicants Only]** One of the two letters of recommendation must be from a Peoples Church member not belonging to the applicant's immediate family and who can address the applicant's Peoples community engagement. The second letter should be from someone who is familiar with your academic achievements, involvement in civic, community and/or volunteer activities.

**[PCC Applicants Only]** One of the two letters of recommendation must be from someone affiliated with one or more of the church activities in which the applicant had some involvement, and who is not a member of the applicant's immediate family, who can address the applicant's Peoples community engagement. The second letter should be from someone who is familiar with your academic achievements, involvement in civic, community and/or volunteer activities.

**[DHS Applicants Only]** One of the two letters of recommendation must be from a school counselor or teacher familiar with your academic performance. The second letter may be from someone who is familiar with your academic achievements, involvement in civic, community and/or volunteer activities.

Applicants should provide each recommender with a copy of the cover page to complete their letter.

Recommender #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI: RELEASE, AND STATEMENT OF PLEDGE AND AFFIRMATION**

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 based on church membership (**PCM Applicant only**), demonstrated leadership, community service and scholarship. Scholarship awards are disbursed in check form. By signing below, you agree to the following: *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.*

Our signatures below further 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/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION WITH APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER'S PHONE NUMBER(S): (Please indicate which number is best to reach you.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Evening)

WRITER'S SIGNATURE: Recommender's Electronic signature or typed name and email address  
*(Letter must be sent from listed email 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)*

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## PEOPLES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

- Completed Application (with appropriate signatures)
- College/University 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\***