

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso
Anne Lauterbach Scholarship

for
Adult Students and Current College Students

The Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to adult students, current college students and current traditional aged high school students graduating this Spring who: are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso; will be pursuing post-secondary education ~ either a two-year associate degree, a four-year undergraduate degree, or an advanced professional or academic degree in the coming academic year; and who are currently admitted to at least one accredited institution of higher learning. In addition, the following criteria are considered when determining awards.

- Demonstrated ability to succeed academically,
- Engagement in extracurricular endeavors that require dedication and/or contribution to church, school and/or community that reflect Christian values,
- Work/professional experience, history and accomplishments (if applicable).

Completed applications with attached materials should be returned to the church office on or before June 7, 2026.

**First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso
Anne Lauterbach Scholarship Application Form
for
Adult Students and Current College Students**

Completed applications must be returned to the church office on or before June 7, 2026.

Applicants who have been out of high school for several years may apply.

Please include your student ID number on your application: _____

Name _____ Age _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____ Phone _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Intended educational focus _____

How many years of schooling does this area of study require? _____

Cumulative G.P.A. from your most recent academic experience _____

List the schools to which you have applied and add a check if you have received an acceptance letter to each: Acceptance Letter Received

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Tell us about any other scholarships/grants/awards you have applied for. Add a check if you have been notified of receiving the aid. Notified of Receipt

1. _____

2. _____

See reverse side or continue on line for additional application directions.

DIRECTIONS: A completed application will include the following items:

For first time First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso Scholarship applicants:

- 1. A completed application form**
- 2. Your most recent academic transcript. A work history if you have been out of school two years or more**
- 3. Student Statement** (not to exceed 2 double-spaced typed pages) which describes the elements which have contributed to academic success in your educational history. Note experiences which have led to the development of leadership and cooperative skills, as well as the development of work habits that will aid in a postsecondary academic setting. Include your involvement in activities outside of academics, such as community, church, sports, employment setting or family responsibilities, etc. *Any additional information, including special challenges or circumstances, which provides greater context for your past accomplishments and current goals, is welcome.*
- 4. Sealed, confidential letters of recommendation or statements of support** from individuals who can provide insight into your character, goals, and/or accomplishments (both academic and/or extracurricular/service related). A minimum of two or a maximum of four recommendations is acceptable. ***We suggest making additional copies of the confidential recommendation form to distribute to those who are completing recommendations on your behalf.***
- 5. Copy of your official acceptance letter** to the institution you are planning to attend (if available).

For applicants who have applied and received a scholarship from First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso in previous years, and who wish to, again, be considered for a scholarship in the coming year:

- 1. A completed application form**
- 2. Your most recent college transcripts**
- 3. A short statement regarding your present educational experience, challenges, successes, and goals if different from your application in previous years**
- 4. Optional: Provide any letters of recommendations since your previous application.**

Submit completed application via email or postal service to the church office by June 7, 2026.

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383
Attention: Scholarship Committee
churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org 219-464-4985

**First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso
Confidential Letter of Recommendation
for
Adult Students and Current College Students**

The Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are designed to financially assist adult students and current college students in the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso as they implement post-secondary education plans in the coming year. In addition to their relationship with First Presbyterian, the following criteria are considered in making scholarship awards.

- Demonstrated ability to succeed academically
- Engagement in extracurricular endeavors that have required dedication
- Contributions to church, school and/or community that reflect a commitment to Christian values
- Work/professional experience, history, accomplishments and goals

Directions: Please identify the organizational affiliation(s) you have with the applicant, your position in the organization, and/or any other relevant context in which you have experience with the applicant. We are interested in gaining greater *perspective* on the applicant's character, commitment and/or distinguishing accomplishments related to academic and extracurricular pursuits as well as gaining an understanding of service-related contribution/s made to church, school and/or community. Any additional information, including special challenges or circumstances experienced by the applicant, which provides greater context for the applicant's goals, contributions and accomplishments, is welcome. **You may submit a separate sheet attached to this form to complete your statement. Please return your statement directly to:**

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Valparaiso, Indiana 46383
Attention: Scholarship Committee

or churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org 219-464-4985

Deadline for submission of letter is June 7, 2026

I confirm that the statement submitted is confidential and accurate, to the best of my ability. **(Please include your phone number so that we may contact you should we have questions.)**

Signature

Phone

Date