

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SPRING 2026**

*Place a check mark on the line next to each scholarship for which you wish to be considered. **You may select one, two or all three scholarships.** By submitting this **one application** you will be considered for the scholarship/s you have selected. **Please do not submit an application for each scholarship.***

## **LILLIAN WILSON GRAEBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior of good moral character who has been accepted to at least one accredited institution of higher learning and who, in the coming year, will be pursuing post-secondary education with the initial goal of obtaining either an associate or baccalaureate degree.

## **THE ANNE LAUTERBACH SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Lauterbach Scholarships are awarded to traditional aged high school graduates, adult students and current college students who: are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso; have been accepted to at least one accredited institution of higher learning; and who, in the coming academic year, will be pursuing post-secondary education ~ either a two-year associate degree, a four-year undergraduate degree or an advanced academic or professional degree.

**Consideration for both the Graeber and Lauterbach Scholarships will also include:**

- Demonstrated ability to succeed academically;
- Contributions to the life of First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso;
- Breadth and depth of extracurricular and/or service-related commitments.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE AWARD**

*Supported by the Harley B. and Nora D. Snyder Memorial Fund*

The First Presbyterian Service Award is designed to recognize a graduating high school senior member of First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso who has been accepted to at least one accredited institution of higher learning and who, in the coming year, will be implementing post-secondary education plans. Consideration for this Scholarship will emphasize:

- Breadth and depth of contributions to church, school and/or community that reflect leadership, and a special commitment to Christian values, and:
- Demonstrated ability to succeed academically.

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

# First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

## Scholarship Application Form for Graduating High School Seniors

Completed application must be returned to the church office no later than June 7, 2026.

Student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Intended educational focus \_\_\_\_\_

How many years of schooling does this area of study require? \_\_\_\_\_

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 and add a check if you have been notified of receiving the aid.

- |          | Notified of Receipt |
|----------|---------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____               |
| 2. _____ | _____               |
| 3. _____ | _____               |

**Please see reverse side or continue on line for additional application directions.**

**DIRECTIONS: A fully completed application will include the following:**

1. **Identification of scholarship/s for which you wish to be considered.**
2. **Completed application form.**
3. **Final or most recent high school transcript.**
4. **Student Statement** (not to exceed 2 double-spaced typed pages) which describes the elements which have contributed to academic success in your educational history. You are encouraged to 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, etc. *Please include how you hope to use the skills you have already gained through your experiences and how you hope to continue contributing to the world in which you live. Finally, any additional information, including special challenges or circumstances, which provides greater context for your goals, contributions and accomplishments, is welcome.*
5. **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 that you make additional copies of the confidential recommendation form to distribute to those who are completing recommendations on your behalf.)***
6. **Copy of your official acceptance letter to the institution you are planning to attend** (if available).

**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**

Or [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) 219-464-4985

**First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso  
Confidential Letter of Recommendation  
For  
Graduating High School Seniors**

The First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso Scholarships are designed to recognize graduating seniors in the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church and to financially assist those graduates as they implement post-secondary 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; and/or
- Contributions to church, school and/or community that reflect a commitment to Christian values.

**Directions:** Please identify the organizational affiliation(s) you have with the applicant, your position in the organization, and/or any other 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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**Deadline for submission of letter is June 7, 2026**

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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.)**

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Signature

Phone

Date