

The Dr. John D. Blair Scholarship

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

For your information, listed below are the standards the committee uses to select the recipients of the DR. JOHN D. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP.

Any information you can provide on your application form pertaining specifically to these areas will be very helpful. In addition, you must furnish a recent transcript of your high school and/or college grades with your application. Your application will not be considered without a transcript.

Applications must be submitted to the church office by the deadline published in the church newsletter.

DR. JOHN D. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP STANDARDS

CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT – 50% of Total

- 10 – 9 Candidate has demonstrated Christian commitment by EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT in the church (worship attendance, church school, choirs, youth club, etc.) AND HAS CHOSEN TO PURSUE A CHURCH-RELATED VOCATION.
- 8 – 7 Candidate has demonstrated Christian commitment by EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT in the church.
- 6 – 5 Candidate has demonstrated Christian commitment by ABOVE AVERAGE INVOLVEMENT in the church.
- 4 -3 Candidate has demonstrated Christian commitment by AVERAGE INVOLVEMENT in the church
- 2 – 1 Candidate has demonstrated only MARGINAL INVOLVEMENT in the church.

FINANCIAL NEED – 30% of Total

- 10 – 9 There is a strong probability candidate will be UNABLE TO ATTEND COLLEGE without a great deal of financial help.
- 8 – 7 There are SERIOUS FINANCIAL NEEDS in meeting college costs.
- 6 – 5 There are financial needs, but this scholarship will only be helpful IN A MODEST WAY in meeting those needs.
- 4 – 3 Sufficient family or personal income will probably meet most college costs, and scholarship will SIMPLY LIGHTEN FINANCIAL BURDEN.
- 2 – 1 Scholarship funds are NOT NEEDED to meet college costs.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE – 20% of Total

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| 10 – 9 | EXCEPTIONAL student | A to A+ |
| 8 – 7 | ABOVE AVERAGE student | B to B+ |
| 6 – 5 | AVERAGE student | C to C+ |
| 4 – 3 | BELOW AVERAGE student | D to D+ |
| 2 – 1 | POOR student | Below D |

**First United Methodist Church
Oakhurst, New Jersey
THE DR. JOHN D. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Home Address _____

(City, State, Zip, Phone) _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Brothers and Sisters

Name	Age	Grade	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

II. HIGH SCHOOL RECORD

List High School(s) Attended

Name	Address	Dates	Graduation
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List high school activities in which you have been involved and indicate years

List any honors and/or awards you received during your high school years

List any community or other activities in which you have been involved (not including school or church activities)

Approximate scholastic average in high school _____

III. CHURCH INFORMATION

Date you joined Oakhurst Church _____ Date of Baptism _____

List the church organizations to which you have belonged and the years

List any offices which you have held in church organizations

Which of these have you attended on a regular basis?

Worship Services ___ Church School ___ Youth Group ___ Choir ___ Other ___

IV. COLLEGE PLANS

A. Complete this section ONLY IF YOU ARE ENTERING YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR

What do you plan for your major field of study? _____

Secondary fields of study (minors) _____

What professions are you considering? _____

Why? _____

At what colleges have you been accepted as of this date? _____

What college do you plan to attend? _____

Why? _____

**B. Complete this section ONLY IF YOU ARE BEYOND YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR
NEXT FALL**

Name of College _____ Entering what year _____

College Major _____ Minor(s) _____

What profession are you planning for? _____

Why? _____

List activities in which you have been involved during college

List any honors and/or awards received during college years

Where do you attend church at college? _____

Church activities _____

Plans for after college graduation _____

Have you applied for this scholarship before? _____ If so, when? _____

V. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

What are your anticipated yearly college costs (Please itemize)

Tuition \$ _____

Room and Board \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Transportation \$ _____

Other \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Will you live at home or commute? _____

How do you plan to finance your college education (be specific) _____

Are you receiving any other financial assistance in the form of grants, loans, or scholarships?
Please indicate from whom and the amount.

Please indicate any special financial hardships which should be taken into consideration.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the names, positions, addresses and phone numbers of four persons who would be willing and able to provide a recommendation for you. Two of these persons must be professional staff members from your high school or college.

1. Name _____
Position _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

2. Name _____
Position _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

3. Name _____
Position _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

4. Name _____
Position _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

VII. PERSONAL TESTIMONIAL

In one or more well written paragraphs, please explain the following:

1. Why you have selected your field of study and/or profession.
2. Why you feel the committee should consider favorably your application.
3. Any additional information about yourself which you feel would help the committee in its decision.

(Use additional paper as necessary – Neatness and proper form will be considered.)

(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)

Thank you for completing this application. The completed applications should be returned by mail or in person to: THE DR. JOHN D. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 103 MONMOUTH ROAD, OAKHURST, NJ 07755