

# Helen McKay Deacon Scholarship Application

## Oneida First Presbyterian Church

### Overview:

The Helen McKay Deacon Scholarship was established to provide monetary funds to help further the college education of Oneida First Presbyterian Church Members that are graduating High School and/or continuing their undergraduate studies. Scholarships are distributed on Baccalaureate Sunday (June). All **eligible** applicants will receive a scholarship in an amount determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the outlined criteria below,

### Applications must complete all application Materials:

1. Application Form
2. Essay
3. Copy of College Acceptance Letter (new applicants only)
4. Unofficial Copy of Transcript (renewing applicants only)
5. Applicant Statement of Understanding

### Eligibility/Requirements:

- Applicants must be a members of the Oneida First Presbyterian Church for at least one year prior to the time of application.
- Applicants must be a graduation senior from high school or a currently enrolled student in an accredited undergraduate program.
- Must have established and maintained a satisfactory academic record (Minimum 2.0 GPA)
- **Applicants must submit all required documentation (listed above), thoroughly completed, by the required deadline. Late Applications will not be considered or accepted.**
- Please follow up with a phone call to make sure application has been received.
- Scholarship recipients are responsible for notifying the OFPC Scholarship Committee immediately if changes affecting information in the application occur prior to beginning the academic year.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the awardees.
- Applicants must enroll and remain in a school of higher learning for the entire quarter/semester that the scholarship pertains to.
- All information in the application will be maintained as personal and confidential,

### Aware Criteria:

- 15% Church Involvement
- 15% Deacon Fund Raisers
- 20% Scholastic Ability
- 10% Extracurricular/Volunteer Activities and Employment
- 30% Essay (clarity, coherence, grammar, content)
- 10% Other (may be financial need or exceptional circumstances)



**Church Service/Activities**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>

**Extra Curricular Activities**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Role</b>

List any academic achievements such as scholarships, awards, honors, etc.

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**Community involvement/Volunteerism**

List any volunteer activities within the community.

**Employment**

Summarize employment within the last year.

First Time Applicants:

Please write an essay addressing the following:

1. Statement of faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Explain how your relationship with the Church has been and will be an influential factor in your life.
3. Describe your future goals and aspirations and how the Church can help you achieve them.

Returning Student Application:

Please write an essay addressing the following:

1. Provide an update on your Christian walk-what has happened or what have you done this past year to strengthen your relationship with Christ?
2. How has the Church influenced your continued walk with Christ? List any examples of how the Church influenced/contributed to your faith in the past year.
3. How can we help you in this upcoming year?(prayers, devotionals, spiritual tools etc.)

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### Verification of Participation in Church Activities

**Directions:** Provide this form to a church representative (i.e. Pastor, Elder, Deacon, Staff member) to verify your Church activity as well as provide a reference.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ministry/Church Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Consistent level (including attendance) of participation by student: (Check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding

\_\_\_\_\_ Good

\_\_\_\_\_ Fair

\_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Comments:

Contribution of student to ministry/activity: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding

\_\_\_\_\_ Good

\_\_\_\_\_ Fair

\_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Comments:

Additional comments on this student's dedication and commitment to the ministry/activity:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Church Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**APPLICATION STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I have read and understand the guidelines for eligibility to receive a scholarship reward. I understand that I am responsible to notify the OFPC Scholarship Committee immediately if changes affecting information in the application occur prior to beginning the academic year.

To the best of my knowledge the information I have provided is true and accurate. I am authorize the release of this information to the members of the Scholarship Committee.

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Scholarship Application Name(Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Applicant (Signature)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date