

DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Brong Scholarship Fund Application

I. Introduction

The Russell W and Joann Brong Scholarship was established through generous gifts by the Brongs, and created by Session action in June 1983, to provide financial aid to students working toward full-time service in Christian ministry; members of the Derry Presbyterian church staff for continuing education; and for students preparing to serve in social and humanitarian service vocations such as social work, medicine, education and literacy, and other vocations that work for the common good.

The Session of Derry Presbyterian Church will be responsible for determining and making grants to eligible applicants. Financial oversight of the Brong Scholarship Fund is performed by the Derry Church Stewardship & Finance Committee with the Christian Education Committee recommending distribution of fund scholarships to students.

Eligibility – Consideration for this scholarship shall be given to the following persons. Please check the category which best describes you:

- Member in good standing of Derry Presbyterian Church (Hershey), enrolled in college, seminary or graduate school, whose intent is to enter full time service in Christian ministry or social service or whose intent is to extend their knowledge and abilities for improving human welfare and for giving aid to the poor and/or aged through social work, education, healthcare, and community service.
- The full time staff of Derry Presbyterian Church seeking an advanced degree, certification, or continuing education program to enhance their skills in their particular area of ministry;
- Candidates for Christian ministry who are under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle and who need financial assistance to continue their studies;

II. Amount of Scholarship Award

Amounts will be determined each year based on the number of applicants and the amount of the fund available. Scholarships up to \$3000 per Semester may be given for tuition and other fees.

III. Selection Procedure

The Christian Education Committee (in consultation with the Stewardship & Finance Committee) will make annual selections of scholarship fund recipients. These selections will be recommended to the Session for final approval.

IV. Terms of Award

Each scholarship shall be awarded for one academic year and may be renewed, providing the recipient continues to meet the conditions of eligibility, maintains a good academic standing, and funds are available.

V. Deadline

Completed applications for a regular school term must be received by the Christian Education no later than April 15 for consideration.

APPLICATION

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Cell Phone (Please enter a phone number formatted like 555-555-5555.):

Mailing Address:

a. Anticipated Fall /Spring Enrollment (Please note: scholarship selection is based on your enrollment. List your institution and degree program.)

b. Do you participate in the life and service of Derry Presbyterian Church? Please circle: Yes No

Derry Involvement: List the ways in which you have participated. Please be as specific and detailed as possible:

c. Do you have any work experience? Please circle: Yes No

Work Experience: List jobs, including student worker jobs and summer jobs, you have held in the past three years.

d. Have you received any Honors, Awards, and/or Scholarships? Please circle: Yes No

Honors, Awards, and Scholarships: Please list honors, awards, and scholarships you have received. Additionally, you may list any honors coursework you have completed.

e. What are your anticipated costs of attendance for the academic year (per semester)?

f. Biographical Statement: (Please write a short, typed essay [200 to 300 words] to include the following)

What are your educational goals and your career goals after graduation or the conclusion of this program?

How will scholarship assistance would impact your pursuit of these goals?

Any extenuating circumstances that may directly affect your financial need, or how receiving this scholarship would help you overcome hurdles or hardships you face as you continue your education?

Why you feel you are a good scholarship candidate.

For Church records only:

Date Received:

Date Reviewed by Christian Education:

Determination:

Session Review: Date _____ Result _____

VI. Brong Scholarship Fund Renewal Application (Deadline is May 15)

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Cell Phone (Please enter a phone number formatted like 555-555-5555.):

Mailing Address:

a. List courses completed with grade point averages or grades:

b. Overall academic standing (GPA or equivalent):

c. Have you received any Honors, Awards, and/or Scholarships? Please circle: Yes No

Honors, Awards, and Scholarships: Please list honors, awards, and scholarships you have received. Additionally, you may list any honors coursework you have completed.

d. What are your anticipated costs of attendance for the academic year (per semester)?

e. Are you employed? Please list employer's name and work hours per week.

f. Why do you feel you are still a good scholarship candidate?

For Church records only:

Date Received:

Date Reviewed by Christian Education:

Determination:

Session Review: Date _____ Result _____