

*Leslie J. Paulson Memorial Scholarship
First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup
Scholarship Application*

Leslie Paulson was an active and committed member of First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup. She served two terms as an Elder on the Worship/Witness Commission and the Personnel Commission, as well as working on the Youth, Nursery, and Endowment Committees.

Though she had no children of her own, she poured her extraordinary energy and organization into the nurture and education of children and youth from her family, her friends, and her church. Leslie's family hopes that her passion for education will live on in this memorial scholarship.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. **Applicant must be an active participant in a Christian church within the local area and must have achieved a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher in the high school or college most recently attended.** Volunteer involvement in church, school, or community will enhance the application.
2. Students of all ages who are attending or committed to attending a 4-year college or university, community college, or accredited Vocational/technical School in either an undergraduate or graduate program may apply.
3. In selecting the recipients, merit and financial need will be equally considered.
4. Preference will be given to students majoring in education with a desire to teach.
5. Applicants must submit **a copy of a high school or college transcript** with the application. Note: If you are applying for the FPC church scholarship and the Leslie Paulson Scholarship, one copy of the transcript will be used for both applications.
6. Two letters of recommendation are required ~ **One must be from the pastor of the applicant's church and the other is of the applicant's choice.**
7. Scholarship applicants must be submitted to First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup
By **Friday May 1, 2026 at 2pm.** Please return your completed application to the church office (412 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA 98371) or by email to office@fpcpuyallup.org.
8. When possible, personal interviews will be conducted with each scholarship applicant.
9. If you receive a scholarship, expressions of thanks must be sent to Leslie Paulson's Family within 30 days of receipt of scholarship. A duplicated copy of thanks must be sent to the church office.
Address: Family of Leslie Paulson, 8816 Stringtown Road, Eatonville, WA 98328

Selection of Scholarship Recipients:

1. The Scholarship Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup makes selection of recipients. Scholarships are announced on Graduate Recognition Sunday. Recipients are requested to attend this worship service if possible.
2. A degree of preference will be given to applicants active in the First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup.
3. The Scholarship Committee will determine the number and amounts of scholarships offered each year. The minimum amount of scholarships will be \$2,000.
4. The Scholarship Committee is not required to disburse any or all the scholarship funds each year. The quantity and the quality of the applicants on a year-to-year basis will determine this.



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At First Presbyterian Church, Scholarship Application
Please return your completed application to the church office
by Friday May 1, 2026 by 2pm

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

College or Technical School you plan to attend: _____

Major: _____

High School, College, or Technical School now attending: :

Church you currently attend: _____

(Feel free to attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Explain your Church participation and activities:

Please list school/community clubs and activities in which you have participated:

Please list your volunteer work in the community and at school, with estimated hours served:

Please answer the following questions:
(Feel free to attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Please explain your reason for applying for this scholarship. Why do you want to attend college?

Write a paragraph concerning your Christian Values and beliefs. What do you see as your role as a Christian to be?

What has been your most valuable or influential experience while at First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup or your home church?

Do you have a connection to the Paulson family?

**Remember to include two letters of recommendation.
(one from your church's pastor)
and a copy of your transcript.**