

ESTHER HARLESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Esther Harless, a parishioner of the Church of the Good Shepherd for about twelve years, died in 1987 and left her estate to the church. She was a longtime resident of Westford, MA, a registered nurse, graduating from Lowell General Hospital School of Nursing. She did private duty nursing throughout her career and became a volunteer in the gift shop in that hospital after she retired. She loved the traditions of the Episcopal Church, its music, and was especially fond of the BELLRINGERS. She was a very active member of the Episcopal Church Women, worked in the Nearly New Shop, and helped the BELLRINGERS with their fundraising each year by making applesauce for them to sell. As a result of her gift, a committee was established to disburse the funds to the needs and wishes of the parish. A scholarship fund for youth was designated as one of these needs by the "Harless Committee", an amount to be invested and the income given to active youth of the parish. Her generosity to our church has enabled many important projects to be realized, one of which is this scholarship. One or more scholarships will be available for awarding annually and will be the decision of the Esther Harless Scholarship Committee. The funds are derived from the interest earned on money invested from Esther Harless' bequest to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH. The first scholarship was awarded in 1988.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an Esther Harless Scholarship, the applicant must be a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and is, or recently has been, active in at least one of the programs of the parish, diocese or province. It is open to high school seniors (pending graduation), recent high school graduates and students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or seminary program. The scholarship award will be based upon the applicant's participation in past and/or present youth programs representing the Church of the Good Shepherd rather than scholastic achievement. Awarding of funds will be contingent on the applicant's acceptance or continuation as a full-time undergraduate student at a school beyond the high school level in a program of at least two years duration.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Complete the application form.
2. Include with the application your high school/seminary transcript.
3. Request recommendations (preferably typewritten) from at least one person in **each** of the following areas:
 - a) Adult leader or sponsor of parish, diocesan or provincial activity in which you have been active.
 - b) School teacher/instructor of one of your academic subjects.

You should provide a stamped envelope addressed to CGS with each recommendation form that you hand out, or the person can return it to you to hand in. Completed recommendation forms can be mailed directly to CGS by the adult.

****REMEMBER – ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 1ST.
THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE STRICT DEADLINE**

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP

The committee's decision will be made and notification to each applicant will be mailed simultaneously by early July. A check for the scholarship money will be mailed directly to the school in August to be applied to tuition expenses. First year awards for individuals going to college or seminary will be \$500. Scholarship awards of \$250 for ensuing years are awarded **only** to seminarian students, upon successful re-application.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL OR EMPLOYER: _____

PLANNED FIELD OF STUDY: _____

SCHOOLS APPLIED TO: _____

ACCEPTED AT: _____

WILL ATTEND: _____

FAMILY DATA

PLEASE LIST ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY BELOW. INCLUDE STEP-FAMILY AND FOSTER FAMILY MEMBERS RESIDING IN YOU HOUSEHOLD. ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY

NAME	SCHOOL/EMPLOYER	RELATIONSHIP
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	LEADER	# YEARS	WHERE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE NEATLY WRITE A ONE PAGE ESSAY ON THE TOPIC:

“How my activities in the church have influenced my life and future”

If there is any other information you would like the scholarship committee to consider, please enclose additional sheets as necessary.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH YOUR TRANSCRIPT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR MAIL TO:
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PO Box 412 NASHUA, NH 03061
By May 1st**

APPLICATION FOR ESTER HARLESS SCHOLARSHIP

CHURCH RECOMMENDATION

_____ has applied for a scholarship from the Esther Harless Scholarship Fund which is administered by the Church of the Good Shepherd. One of the requirements for this scholarship is a recommendation by an adult leader or sponsor of parish, diocesan or provincial activity in which the student has been active. Would you please write your evaluation in the space below. The applicant should have provided you with a stamped, addressed envelope. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 1ST

Sponsor's name:

Group/activity:

I have known this student for _____ years.

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SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION

_____ has applied for a scholarship from the Esther Harless Scholarship Fund which is administered by the Church of the Good Shepherd. One of the requirements for this scholarship is a recommendation by an instructor in an academic subject. We are interested in your opinion of this student's desire to learn, desire to improve and performance as a positive influence in the classroom environment. Would you please write your evaluation in the space below. The applicant should have provided you with a stamped, addressed envelope. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 15TH

Instructor's name:

Subject:

School name:

I have known this student for _____ years.