

Application for the Nancy Gannett Scholarship of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish

To be sent to: Chair, Scholarship Committee
Hopedale Unitarian Parish
P.O. Box 367
Hopedale, MA 01747

I hereby apply for the scholarship offered by the Hopedale Unitarian Parish to aid in meeting my expenses for higher education during the academic year ____ - _____. I have filed application(s) for entrance to the following:



Applicant's name (print):

Date of birth:

Home address:

Parent(s) name: _____

Parent(s) a church member? _____

Graduate of: _____

Class of: _____

Information to submit with application form:

- Documented 25 hours of community service through the high school years
- High school transcript
- 2 Letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or guidance counselor, one nonfamily member)
- A brief essay describing what your experience at HUP means to you and this experience will carry over in the future.

Please refer to the attached scholarship criteria description for more information.

Criteria for the Nancy Gannett Scholarship of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish

Committee Description

The Scholarship Committee will include Bris Gannett and two other church members - preferably those who know the students applying. Parents of children applying cannot be on the Committee that year.

Criteria for Scholarship

1. Applicant must have at least 25 documented hours of community service to the church during their years in high school. Babysitting, grounds work, kitchen help, and fundraising are examples of service.
2. Applicant must have been in the Religious Education program for at least three years.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative B average or better in high school.
4. At least one parent must be a member of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish.
5. Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation – one from a teacher or guidance counselor and one from a non-family member.

Selection Process

Applications should be completed and returned to the church office by May 1st. The Scholarship Committee will meet and review applications, apply the criteria, and select **ONE** scholarship recipient. If all applicants meet the criteria, the following selection process will be used in this order:

1. Most documented community service hours at HUP.
2. Most years in the Religious Education program.
3. Highest cumulative grade average.
4. Random selection by the Scholarship Committee.

If there is no applicant in any given year, that year's scholarship money will not be carried over to the next year for a second scholarship award, nor will it be used for any other committee. Selection criteria will be reviewed each year by the Scholarship Committee to determine if changes are needed. In June, the Committee will provide the scholarship criteria to parents of children entering their senior year in September.

Receiving the Award

The total scholarship will be \$500. The first \$250 will be given to the recipient in June when proof of enrollment is shown to either the Gannett's, a Scholarship Committee member, or church administration. Proof of enrollment must be provided within 12 months of award selection. The second \$250 will be provided after the first semester grades have been submitted to the church office. If the award recipient withdraws from college after the first semester, the second \$250 award will not be given.