

## THE WERT SCHOLARSHIP

The Wert Scholars Fund is named for the late Charles A. Wert, a member and elder of the McKinley Presbyterian Church, and a professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Illinois. The Wert Scholars Fund is administered by The McKinley Foundation at the University of Illinois.

## AMOUNT

The amount varies but is generally an award of approximately \$2,000.

## CRITERIA

The Wert Scholarship benefits a student studying for the Christian ministry at any educational institution. The scholarship may also be used for those who are studying for lay minister positions.

- First preference is given to students who are members or regular attendees of McKinley Presbyterian Church in Champaign, who have some association with the church, or who have a record of participation in The McKinley Foundation's student ministry activities.
- Second preference is given to students who are members of or associated with a Presbyterian church in the greater Champaign-Urbana community.
- Third preference is given to students who are either members of or associated with a Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.

## TO APPLY

1. **Application:** Complete the form that begins on page 3. Be sure to sign the application agreement on page 6.
2. **Essay:** Please attach an essay of no more than 1,000 words that critically evaluates one important aspect of your educational experience to date, e.g., a book, a course, an individual, a significant experience that influenced you in a meaningful way. Then, in light of your discussion, briefly indicate how this relates to your interest in the life of the Presbyterian Church.
3. **References:** Provide three references from people other than relatives that attest to your suitability to be awarded this scholarship, e.g., current or former supervisors, professors, high school teachers, coaches, clergy members. You may collect and attach reference letters to your application. Alternately, reference letters may be sent directly to the Scholarship Awards Committee.
4. **Transcripts:** Arrange to have your current educational institution send a copy of your transcript to the Scholarship Awards Committee. A photocopy is acceptable.

Send the aforementioned materials to the Scholarship Awards Committee at The McKinley Foundation.

By mail:

Scholarship Awards Committee  
McKinley Foundation  
809 South Fifth Street  
Champaign, IL 61820

By email:

[scholarship@mckinley-church.org](mailto:scholarship@mckinley-church.org)

## **DEADLINE TO APPLY**

The application and all supporting materials must be received no later than **April 28, 2017**, to be considered for the 2017-2018 academic year. Decisions will be announced within two weeks of the application deadline.

**General Information**

(Use additional paper as needed for all application form sections)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the first time you have applied for this scholarship?     Yes     No

If "No," did you receive the scholarship?     Yes     No

**Current Academic Information**

Year:     Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior  
           Graduate Student

Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

College (LAS, ACES, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Major / Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA in major: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have attended more than one university level institution, please use a separate sheet for further listings.

**Honors & Awards and Dates Received**

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**Extracurricular & Volunteer Activities and Dates**

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**Financial Contributions**

What are your current costs for the academic year?

Tuition \$\_\_\_\_\_ Board \$\_\_\_\_\_

Room \$\_\_\_\_\_ Fees \$\_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving any financial aid?     Yes     No

If yes, list below:

| Scholarships / Financial Aid | Amount |
|------------------------------|--------|
| _____                        | _____  |
| _____                        | _____  |
| _____                        | _____  |
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Are you currently employed?     Yes, full-time     Yes, part-time     No

If yes, please complete the following:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_      Salary / Hourly Wage: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated annual family income:

Less than \$25,000     \$25,000-\$49,999     \$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999     \$100,000 or more

**Comments / Additional Information**

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## Application Agreement

All scholarship money will be paid to the educational institution where the applicant is studying or intends to study. Scholarship awardees may petition the McKinley Scholarship Awards Committee for an exception, which must include appropriate paperwork including receipts of tuition and other fees paid to the institution.

In accepting this scholarship award, you agree to meet the following requirements. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of your scholarship aid.

- Maintain full-time academic studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Refrain from any actions that may bring disrepute to McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church or the McKinley Foundation, as judged by the Scholarship Awards Committee. These activities may include, but are not limited to, arrest for alcohol-related offenses, arrest for illegal drug possession, possession of firearms or other weapons on McKinley Foundation property or any of its affiliates, sexual assault or sexual harassment, vandalism, serious infractions of Presby Hall rules and regulations, or other felonious activities.
- Make yourself available for media interviews as directed by the McKinley Church and Foundation, and to have your name and likeness used in McKinley Church and Foundation marketing materials.
- Write an acknowledgment letter to the scholarship donors (or their heirs) thanking them for their assistance.

I have read and understand the enclosed information. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and any additional material that I submit related to the financial aid process is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), I hereby authorize the McKinley Foundation to release the scholarship application information provided by me, as well as other official and unofficial information regarding my academic progress and status, to scholarship donors or their heirs for the purpose of providing them with information concerning my eligibility as a scholarship recipient.

I also understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of my financial aid or may result in disciplinary action pursuant to rules and regulations established by the McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church, the McKinley Foundation at the University of Illinois, or any of their affiliates.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_