



## United Church of Christ

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### Henry Berg Scholarship Fund

The Henry Berg Scholarship fund was established to help “children of aptitude” with the furtherance of their education. It was originally administered by Fair Oaks of Pittsburgh (which at one time was an orphanage that later became a senior living community), with the funds being held by PNC. In 2023, a court order terminating the trust directed PNC to “*distribute the remaining balance of the trust assets to the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ (the ‘Conference’), to hold, manage, invest, reinvest and keep invested such assets as a restricted fund for continued administration as a scholarship fund, with the income of such fund to be used to provide scholarships to worthy and needy students with eligible recipients to be determined in the following order of priority:*

- a. First to students who are members of, or whose parents are members of, either Smithfield Evangelical Protestant Church, located at 620 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or Evangelical Congregational Church of McKeesport, located at 312 Olive Street, McKeesport, PA 15132;*
- b. Next to students who are members of, or whose parents are members of, churches that are part of the Penn West Conference Pittsburgh Association of Churches and are located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania;*
- c. Next to students who are members of, or whose parents are members of, churches that are part of the Penn West Conference Pittsburgh Association of Churches;*
- d. And then to students who are members of, or whose parents are members of, any other church within the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ.”*

The Penn West Conference established a committee that now exercises responsibility for administering the scholarships. Students who apply for scholarship funds should be aware that the committee will consider the criteria of **aptitude, character, and need** in its awarding process. Additionally, students should know that their pastors will be contacted about their applications. Applications may be submitted via the fillable PDF form either electronically to [office@pennwest.org](mailto:office@pennwest.org) or by mail at Penn West Conference UCC, 312 S. Maple Ave., Suite PWC, Greensburg PA 15601. **Applications are due by June 15.** We will send notifications of awards out before the end of July. Monetary awards will be sent directly to the accounts of the students at the institutions they are attending.

Thank you for your interest in the Henry Berg Scholarship, and all the best to you in your studies!

The Henry Berg Scholarship Committee

# **PENN WEST CONFERENCE HENRY BERG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025**

## **APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

FULL NAME

BIRTH DATE

HOME ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) NAMES

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT

## **HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

NAME OF SCHOOL

DATE OF GRADUATION

CURRENT GPA

ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES/EXPLANATION:

## **SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

IF YOU HAVE FINALIZED YOUR DECISION AS TO WHICH SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR, PLEASE INDICATE THIS BELOW:

NAME OF SCHOOL

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL

WHAT IS YOUR ANTICIPATED MAJOR?

WHAT IS YOUR ANTICIPATED YEAR OF GRADUATION?

ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES/EXPLANATION?

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

PLEASE SHARE ANY NOTABLE ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR:

**CHURCH AFFILIATION:**

NAME OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

DATE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

ADDRESS OF CHURCH

PASTOR'S NAME

PASTOR OR CHURCH PHONE NUMBER

PASTOR OR CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS

WHAT HAS BEEN, AND IS NOW, YOUR CHURCH INVOLVMENT?

**COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERISM/LEADERSHIP/SPORTS/ACTIVITIES:**

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO LIST YOUR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF ACADEMICS AND CHURCH INVOLVEMENT. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE CLUBS, SPORTS, VOLUNTEERING, EMPLOYMENT, ETC. BE SURE TO NOTE ANY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS YOU HAVE HELD.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS, AND HOW WILL FURTHER EDUCATION MAKE THOSE GOALS POSSIBLE?

**ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR MAKING THE AWARD IS NEED. IN ONE PARAGRAPH, PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR NEED FOR FINANCIAL AID.**

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION.**

**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT YOU? PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW.**

**BY TYPING MY NAME BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:**

PLEASE TYPE/SIGN NAME

DATE SUBMITTED

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2025**