



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2026

The Mandarin Presbyterian Church Endowed Scholarship was founded through the love of Jesus Christ and in memory of Margaret (Peggy) Mizell Dean. The scholarship's first award was given in May of 1995 and has grown each year through the generosity of church members. The Scholarship Committee has since presented one or more scholarships each year.

Applicants must be an active member of MPC, in their senior year of high school, and planning to attend a Vocational, Two-Year, or Four-Year college during the school year following their high school graduation. The submission deadline of completed packets is Thursday, May 7th, 2026. There are no exceptions to this requirement. Each applicant will be notified by letter as to the disposition of their application.

Listed below are the packet requirements. Items #1-6 should be submitted together in one email with attachments to Carla Mayo: cmayo@mandarinpres.com. Alternatively, Items #1-6 can be physically mailed to the church office at 11844 Mandarin Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223, Attn: Carla Mayo.

1. Please type your biographical information to include your name, address, phone, email, and high school. List your class rank (ex. 23 of 355), if available, and cumulative weighted grade point average (GPA). Also, list what college you are planning to attend and how you made your decision.
2. List your extra-curricular activities, employment history, community volunteerism, clubs/organizations, and respective leadership positions.
3. Briefly share your personal calling to follow Jesus Christ and how that has translated into your involvement with MPC and/or other ministries. Describe the intersection of life and faith for you personally.
4. What will you do in college to further the love of Jesus Christ?
5. Write a statement that will give the Scholarship Committee a reasonably clear understanding of how this scholarship money will help you. We recognize that everyone's financial situation is different as there are many considerations. Have you saved money for college? Have you received any scholarships, including the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships to date?
6. Include two letters of recommendation; one from a teacher or school counselor, and one from an active member of MPC.
7. Send your most recent official high school transcript, ensuring it lists fall semester grades of your senior year. Transcripts can be sent directly to the church via email or mail (see above).