

Dear parents of a graduating senior,

Graduation is just around the corner! What an exciting time in the life of your senior! So many decisions to make and plans to carry out! While this may be an exciting time for your senior, it can also be a financially challenging time for you as parents.

First Presbyterian Church (First Pres) has three scholarships available for your senior. The *Appreciation Scholarship* is a \$100 award available to ALL graduating high school seniors who are members of First Pres *and* enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning. Simply fill out the application and return.

The *365 Discipleship Award Fund* was established to provide \$365 for any graduating high school senior that is in “good standing” as a First Pres disciple. Your senior simply needs to fill out the application. The Youth Team will receive and review applications and make decisions on awards. The criteria for receiving an award will be based on the merit of the applicant and his or her overall standing as an actively *participating church disciple*. This too is a simple application that needs only to be filled out and returned.

Finally, the *First Presbyterian Church Endowed Scholarship* is a need-based scholarship that is available each year, based on the student’s financial need. Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate studies only, and applications must be filled out on an annual basis and submitted along with a current copy of the student’s FAFSA and school transcripts. Scholarship preference is given to students who are members of First Pres with secondary preference to students who are members of other Presbyterian Church, USA churches in Rowan County. Please keep in mind that some families have a greater financial need than others. The more students requesting the need-based scholarship, the lower the amount awarded to each student will be. Rest assured that all financial information will be held in strict confidence and shared only with members of the scholarship committee when determining need-based awards.

I have enclosed a copy of each scholarship application. It is the responsibility of your senior to fill out all the forms and attach all necessary information required before the deadline. NO late applications will be accepted. Forms are also available on the church website under the *Policies & Forms – Youth Forms* tab.

Completed forms can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 704-636-1321, or email me at clewis@firstpressalisbury.org.

The deadline to return all completed information is Friday, April 26.

Congratulations to you and your senior!

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