



# Polk Street Methodist Scholarship Application

## Investing in the Next Generation

Polk Street Methodist Church believes that **good stewardship** extends far beyond the management of our physical resources; it is found in our commitment to fostering the next generation of leaders, scholars, and servants. We recognize that the future of our community and our faith rests in the hands of our young people as they pursue higher education and specialized vocational training.

This scholarship program is an intentional investment in your potential. By providing financial support for undergraduate and technical education, we aim to alleviate the burden of tuition while encouraging you to use your talents in a way that honors God and serves your neighbor. Whether you are pursuing a degree at a university or mastering a craft at a trade school, our goal is to empower you to enter the workforce with a foundation of excellence and a heart for service.

We are proud to support you as you take this next step, and we look forward to seeing how your journey—shaped by faith and fueled by education—will impact the world for years to come.

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## Updated Scholarship Overview & Rules as of February 2026

- **Priority Status:** While all eligible students are encouraged to apply, priority in the selection process is given to active members and congregants of Polk Street Methodist Church.
- **Mandatory Interview:** All applicants who meet the initial screening criteria **are required to participate in an in-person interview** with the Scholarship Committee. You will be contacted to schedule this interview following the application deadline.
- **Three-Year Limit:** To ensure we can support as many students as possible, individuals are eligible to receive this scholarship for a maximum of **three (3) years** throughout their educational career.
- **Academic Focus:** This award is reserved for students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs or accredited trade/technical schools. **Please note: Dual Credit courses for high school students are not eligible for funding.**

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## I. Applicant Information

- **Full Legal Name:**
- **Current Address:** (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
- **Phone Number:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **High School Attended/Graduated:** (If applicable)
- **High School Graduation Year:** (If applicable)
- **Are you currently enrolled in college/trade school? (Yes/No)**

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## II. Eligibility and Educational Affiliation

- **Minimum GPA Requirement:** Applicants must have and maintain a **2.0 GPA or higher** (on a 4.0 scale). This will be verified via your unofficial transcript.
- **Are you a member or regular attendee of Polk Street Methodist Church? (Yes/No)**
  - If Yes, how long have you been a member/regular attendee?
- **Educational Institution you will be enrolled in for the upcoming Fall/Academic Year:** (Name of University, College, Trade School, or Technical School)
- **Institution Address and Phone Number:**
- **Anticipated Classification for the upcoming Fall/Academic Year:** (e.g., Freshman, Sophomore, 1st Year Trade School, etc.)
- **Are you attending Full or Part time?**
- **Intended Course of Study/Major:** (e.g., Biology, Welding, Business Administration, Pastoral Ministry)

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## III. Required Supporting Documents

**Please submit the following items along with this application. Applications will not be considered complete until all items are received.**

Document	Requirement Details
<b>Cover Letter/Statement of Intent</b>	This letter serves as your personal statement (minimum of 500 words). It must <b>introduce yourself</b> and clearly outline your <b>educational, career, and personal goals</b> . Be sure to explain <b>how this scholarship will specifically assist you</b> in achieving those goals, and include reflections on how your faith and involvement with the church has shaped your future plans.
<b>Professional/Academic Resume</b>	A comprehensive resume that clearly lists all your <b>jobs, church activities (grades 6-12 and/or college), school achievements, awards, and community service/volunteering</b> experience.
<b>Unofficial Transcript</b>	A copy of your <b>unofficial transcript</b> (high school and/or college). This document <b>MUST include the grades from your most recent academic semester/term</b> to verify your <b>2.0 GPA or higher</b> .
<b>Letter of Recommendation</b>	<b>One letter of recommendation is required. See detailed requirements below.</b>

## Letter of Recommendation Requirements:

1. **One Letter of recommendation** is required from an Educator (e.g., teacher, counselor, or administrator) who can speak to your character, academic success, and potential.

### **Letter of Recommendation Submission Details**

- Letter must be signed and include the recommender's full contact information (phone and email).
- Method 1 (Preferred): Email as a PDF to [ashleykiper@polkstreet.org](mailto:ashleykiper@polkstreet.org).
- Method 2: Sealed hard copy. Place in an envelope, seal it, and sign across the back flap. Return to the applicant or deliver directly to the church office.
- Deadline: All materials, including letters, must be received by March 23, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

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### **IV. Certification and Agreement**

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the scholarship committee may verify this information.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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### **V. Submission and Contact Information**

**Application Deadline: March 23, 2026, at 4:30 PM**

**Please email, deliver, or mail the completed application and all required materials to:**

Polk Street Methodist Church

Scholarship Committee

1401 South Polk Street

Amarillo, TX 79101

**For questions, please contact: Ashley Kiper**

**Email:** ashleykiper@polkstreet.org

**Phone:** (806) 374-2891

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