

Grace United Church Scholarship

Background

The Grace United Church Scholarship, established in 2014, strives to create, encourage and nurture teen and young adult growth.



The scholarship will encourage teen and young adult participation, involvement, and perhaps leadership at Grace United Church, providing an opportunity for them to share their gifts with the Grace United Church family. This scholarship will also provide the opportunity for the Grace United Church family to be a support to teens and young adults in their participation and involvement with the Grace United Church family and a support as they grow and learn. It will be a reminder that Grace United Church is a caring church family where they are welcomed and where they can feel they belong.

Church buildings are constructed of bricks, concrete, steel, glass and wood. Along with a strong foundation, these buildings last for many, many years providing a place for worship, prayer, community, and growth. These physical “bricks and mortar” matter to the integrity and longevity of the building. The Grace United Church Scholarship will provide spiritual “bricks and mortar” which are crucial to the health and growth of our teens and young adults and our congregation. These spiritual “bricks and mortar” will matter greatly.

The Grace United Church Scholarship will be funded by the Grace United Church family.

Eligibility Criteria

To receive a scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

- Applicant must be a member of Grace United Church, Tavistock or his or her family must belong to Grace United Church, Tavistock
- Applicant must be 25 or younger at date of application deadline
- Applicant must be enrolled or applying to be enrolled in full-time studies in a first degree, diploma or certificate program at a post-secondary school at an accredited Canadian college or university
- Applicants can only receive the Grace United Church Scholarship once
- Applicant must demonstrate continued, active involvement with Grace United Church, Tavistock. Continued, active involvement is involvement beyond Sunday morning worship attendance such as (but not limited to):
 - The planning/leading of nursing home services
 - the setting up, taking down, work at the annual Fall Fair Booth
 - Sunday School teacher/helper and/or nursery helper and/or children’s programming
 - Helping at church meals
 - Being involved with youth groups
 - A new, creative project that contributes to the life of Grace United Church, Tavistock

Terms

1. Awarding of the scholarships shall be at the discretion of the Selection Team. The selection committee shall consist of a minimum of 3 members and no more than 5, including the Youth Coordinator.
2. Applicants wishing to apply must follow the procedures below.
3. At the discretion of the Selection Team there may be a year when no scholarship is awarded.
4. Members of the Selection Team and members of their immediate families are not eligible to receive a scholarship.

Amount of Scholarship

There will be up to two (2) \$500 scholarships awarded each year.

Expectations of Scholarship Award Recipients

1. To provide two updates during the school year (written or digital or in person) to the congregation (coordinated with the Selection Team)
2. To serve the following year on the Selection Team

Procedures and Timing**

| Procedure | Timing |
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| Application form submitted | Application deadline April 30, 12:00 PM Eastern |
| Official transcript of latest academic record | Submit with application |
| Essay up to 600 words reflecting on participation in Grace UC | Submit with application |
| Confirmation of acceptance/enrollment from accredited college or university | Immediately following notification of acceptance/enrollment (i.e. acceptance letter or tuition invoice) |
| Recommendation by Selection Team to Session | Mid to late June |
| Notification of scholarship awarded by Selection Team | End of June |
| Payment of scholarship | End of August/early September |

**timing is subject to the Selection Team receiving notice of acceptance/enrollment from Applicant

Please submit full applications by April 30th, 12:00 pm Eastern:

by mail

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BOX 189
TAVISTOCK, ON N0B 2R0

by drop off at Grace United Church in an envelope clearly marked GRACE UNITED CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

by email tavigraceyouth@gmail.com

No applications will be accepted after the deadline regardless of the postmark date.

Applications will only be viewed by the Selection Team.