

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MONTEREY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

CHURCH OF THE WAYFARER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel-by-the-Sea announces the availability of Merit Scholarships for 2025 college-bound high school graduates.

Application Instructions and Requirements:

1. The applicant must have a high school cumulative GPA of **3.50** (unweighted) or above.
2. The applicant and family of the applicant must have resided in Monterey County for at least one of the past three years. No additional proof of residency or citizenship is required.
3. The applicant must attend one of the Monterey County High Schools.
4. The applicant must plan to attend an accredited four-year academic college or California community college.
5. Applicants should demonstrate involvement in community, school and church activities.
6. Payment of the Scholarship requires official proof of enrollment and registration in a four-year academic college or California community college.
7. The completed Scholarship application, including academic transcripts, information regarding Honors IB and/or AP coursework, and three letters of recommendation (one from a teacher, one from a counselor, and one from your minister or priest). Request these letters early as they must be included in your application.
8. **Applications must be received by Church of the Wayfarer by 1:00 pm, Thursday, February 13, 2025 via one of the following means:**
 - **Mail – P.O. Box 2205, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921**
 - **Email – office@churchofthewayfarer.com**
 - **Hand-deliver to the Church office at Lincoln & 7th, Carmel-by-the-Sea**

*Questions or concerns may be addressed by contacting the church office at office@churchofthewayfarer.com or 831.624.3550.

Church of the Wayfarer – Lincoln Street & 7th Avenue

P.O. Box 2205, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

(831) 624-3550

Scholarship Application

Name: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Please include a recent photograph This will be used for our Scholarship Sunday bulletin insert. Please do not staple to the application.

Unweighted Cumulative GPA (Excluding Honors/IB/AP credit): _____

If your school adds other points for Honors and IB/AP classes please indicate:

Points for honors classes: _____ Points for IB/AP classes: _____

Class Ranking: _____ of _____

Total number of IB/AP credit courses available to students: _____

Counselor's Signature (I confirm the above information is factual.):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please list the four-year colleges or community colleges to which you have applied or plan to apply and place an X on those where you have been accepted:

School Name	Accepted
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Family Information

Father: _____

Employer: _____

Nature of Job: _____

College Attended (if any): _____

Mother: _____

Employer: _____

Nature of Job: _____

College Attended (if any): _____

Other Household Members:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age: _____

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Church Affiliation

Name of the Church you attend: _____

Location: _____

Please list in detail all of your church-related activities. (Attach additional pages or document if more space is needed.):

Please comment on what your Christian background has meant to you and how it has impacted your involvement in the community and other activities.

Educational Information

What are your educational plans and goals? (Attach additional pages or document if needed.)

What potential career options have you considered and why? (Attach additional pages or document if needed.)

List your school activities. (Attach additional pages or document as needed.)

What honors, awards, grants and/or scholarships have you received? (Attach additional pages or document as needed.)

Community Experience

List your community activities. (Attach additional pages or document as needed.)

Work Experience

Employer: _____

Type of work and length of employment:

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Employer: _____

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Why is this Scholarship important to you?

How do you and your family intend to finance your college education?

Have you submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form? Please circle one: Yes No

If yes, what is your Expected Family Contribution on your Student Aid Report (SAR)?

Do you qualify for a Federal Pell Grant or Cal Grant? Please circle one: Yes No

Please share any additional information about college finances that the scholarship committee should know about your application

**Please attach your college essay.
Please attach your resume, if you have one.**

Important Check Sheet

You must be able to answer ‘**Yes**’ to all of the below to be eligible for consideration of the Church of the Wayfarer Student Scholarship.

Eligibility List: Answer with **Yes** or **No**

1. _____ Copy of transcript is enclosed along with Counselor’s recommendation letter
2. _____ I will attend a four-year college or California community college upon graduation from high school.
3. _____ I attend one of the Monterey County high schools
4. _____ I have a 3.50 (unweighted) or above cumulative high school GPA
5. _____ My family and I have resided in Monterey County for at least one of the past three years.
6. _____ I am an active member of a Christian church.
7. _____ Minister’s or Priest’s letter.
8. _____ Teacher’s recommendation letter.
9. _____ I have included my college essay.
10. _____ I have enclosed a recent photograph (2 ¼ X 3 ¼)

Please check the following:

- I state the preceding information to be accurate and consistent with my high school transcript and actual experiences.
- I agree to submit to the Scholarship Committee of the Church of the Wayfarer proof of enrollment when I have registered at a four year college or California community college.
- I agree to allow Church of the Wayfarer to post my name and/or picture on their church website, newsletter, Scholarship Sunday bulletin insert, church FB page, and the local media.
- If selected, I will attend the Scholarship Sunday Worship Service and after worship Fellowship.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

This information will be used only by authorized persons and held in confidence with the Church of the Wayfarer Scholarship Committee.

Important Information

The completed Scholarship Application packet (8 pages) and all materials must be returned in one packet by 1:00 pm, Thursday February 13, 2025.