

HESS SCHOLARSHIP 2026 - 2027

The HESS LIVING SCHOLARSHIP FUND has been established by Ward Church to provide financial assistance to individual members of WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH who are preparing, at the college or graduate level, for **full-time Christian vocational service.**

We believe that God is calling significant numbers of our members into His service, and we want to be certain that those who answer this call do so with awareness of the support and encouragement of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Hess Scholarship recipients must meet all of the following criteria:

- a) Be a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church or the child of a Ward supported career missionary.
- b) Be pursuing a full-time post high school program within normal duration timing.
- c) Not be a member of the paid staff of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
- d) Be preparing at a seminary, college, or university for full-time Christian vocation.
- e) Have specific plans to enter full-time ministry by identifying an organization, agency, and/or key contact with whom on-going discussion is facilitated.

We require that you have **specific plans** to enter the ministry or full-time Christian work. You must have identified an organization with whom you are in correspondence (eg. Presbytery Candidate Committee) and/or a key contact with whom you are discussing involvement (eg. Mission Agency Candidate Secretary).

If you will be studying this Fall in preparation for full-time Christian vocation and meet these requirements, we invite you to complete this application and return it to the Outreach Office no later than **April 30, 2026** SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GRANTED IN AUGUST FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING IN THE FALL.

If you later decide not to enter full-time Christian vocational work, any moneys received from this scholarship application shall be considered a loan from WARD CHURCH. It will then be paid back at simple interest, compounded yearly, the amount to be determined by the Budget and Personnel Team, with Finance Committee input.

Please sign below verifying your acceptance of these terms:

Applicant's Signature:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Permanent Address:

School Address:

School you attend:

Program of Study:

Anticipated Degree:

Hours Completed:

Hours required to graduate:

Will you be attending school as a full-time student? Yes or No

Projected date of graduation:

Are you a member of Ward Church? If so, for how long?

Is your parent or legal guardian supported by Ward Church? If yes, who? (if applicable)

Please provide a breakdown of your educational expenses for the next school year:

Tuition:

Room and Board:

Books:

Other (please describe):

Will you be employed during the next 12 months? If yes, how much do you expect to earn?

Earnings from spouse (if applicable)

Support from other churches/scholarships:

Student loans:

Other (please describe):

List any areas of Christian ministry or Christian service where you are currently serving (either for pay or as a volunteer) and explain your role. Use back if more space is needed.

In what capacity do you intend to enter full-time Christian vocation? **Please list the name and address of an organization or individual with whom you are corresponding regarding these plans** (required).

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Have you received a Hess Scholarship previously? Which school year(s)

Explain any special needs or concerns the Hess Scholarship Committee should be aware of:

With this application please provide the following information:

1. Written personal testimony
2. Statement of calling
3. Future plans for ministry
4. Names and addresses of three references. If possible, include at least one Ward Church staff member as a reference

Additionally, a copy of an Official Transcript for the last year you were in school is required prior to funding approval. This transcript must be received by the Outreach Director on or before **April 30, 2026**, in order to be considered for a new scholarship or scholarship renewal.

We may wish to meet with you personally. Please suggest several dates between now and June 1, 2026, that you would be available:

Please note, checks will be made out to your educational institution unless indicated otherwise.

Address where check should be mailed, if different from the front of this application:

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Date application was received _____

Category _____

Granted Yes _____ No _____

WOC Representative _____

Amount _____

Date Notified _____