

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN JAMAICA

2021

Incentive Grant & Service Scholarship Application



Incentive Grant: *Give back and keep connected by performing service at FPCJ and community service during school breaks or throughout the year.*

Service Scholarship: *Give back by performing service at FPCJ and community service during school breaks or throughout the year, while earning and maintaining a high level of academic achievement.*

DEADLINE to Apply:
JULY 31, 2021

FPCJ college students are encouraged to reach their highest potential in their studies and to help others along their journey.

Scholarships and Grants will be awarded to those students who embrace and achieve these efforts.

ELIGIBILITY & INSTRUCTIONS:**For Incentive Grant: \$600**

- ✝ Must be a member of FPCJ or Youth group participant (age 17–24 years)
- ✝ Must be a **full-time undergraduate** student at a 2-year or 4-year college or certified trade/technical school.
- ✝ Must perform at least 20 hours of church/community service⁽²⁾ per school year which must include at least 10 hours of service at FPCJ during school breaks or during the year (*i.e. summer, between semesters for away students and anytime for commuter students*) which can include assisting with Sunday school, soup kitchen, scholarship fundraising activities or assisting with any other ministry at FPCJ. You must write your intended commitment for your FPCJ service in your application for the upcoming school year plus recipients from previous year must also confirm their service performed at FPCJ during the previous school year, with sign off from a ministry leader at the Church. In addition for first time applicants, you must demonstrate that you have been active in the life of the church leading up to your application submission.
- ✝ Must provide copy of acceptance letter from school for entering freshman or transfer students. Continuing students must submit confirmation of registration per semester as proof of enrollment.
- ✝ Must participate in at least one FPCJ Scholarship Fundraiser event.

Scholarship: \$1200

- ✝ Must be a member of FPCJ or Youth group participant (age 17–24 years)
- ✝ Must be a full-time undergraduate student at a 2-year or 4-year college or certified trade/technical school with a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA⁽¹⁾. Verification must come from a school document or transcript.
- ✝ **Submit a Personal Statement – 300 word minimum on one of the following topics:**
 - Personal challenge faced and how faith/spiritual guidance/prayer impacted
 - Education & Personal Goals: What's your plan for success in college? OR, Reflect on previous school year— still on track?
 - Address any major change of education/personal goals or new challenges faced which may have impacted the change
- ✝ Must perform at least 40 hours of church/community service⁽²⁾ per school year which must include at least 10 hours of service at FPCJ during school breaks or during the year (*i.e. summer, between semesters for away students and anytime for commuter students*). Your service at FPCJ can include assisting with Sunday school, soup kitchen, scholarship fundraising activities or assisting with any other FPCJ ministry. You must write your intended service commitment in your application for the upcoming school year plus recipients from previous year must confirm their service performed at FPCJ during the previous school year, with sign off from a ministry leader at the Church. In addition for first time applicants, you must demonstrate that you have been active in the life of the church leading up to your application submission.
- ✝ Must participate in at least one FPCJ Scholarship Fundraiser event.
- ✝ Must provide copy of acceptance letter from school for entering freshman or transfer students. Continuing students may submit confirmation of registration as proof of enrollment.

**** Note that if you do not meet the eligibility for the Service Scholarship you will automatically be considered for the Incentive Grant. ****

APPLICATION DATES:

- ✝ **Deadline for submitting application with ALL your supporting documentation is July 31, 2021. Applications will not be accepted after that date.** The next opportunity to apply will be in 2022 for the next school year.

AWARDS: Grant and Scholarship awards will be distributed in August 2021. Additional award for spring 2022 to be determined. **Remember to verify your spring semester enrollment** by submitting registration confirmation early January 2022.

Due to current safety measures in place, please either Mail your completed application with all required supporting documents to:

FPCJ office>> Attention: Scholarship Ministry, First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, 89-60 164th Street, Jamaica, NY 11432

or

E-Mail to>> Ministry leaders: Eileen Mason (emason221@gmail.com) and Marcia O'Connor ([mswabyo@gmail.com](mailto:mwabyo@gmail.com))

Footnotes:

(1) Entering freshman submit high school average.

(2) It is the applicant's responsibility to seek and arrange for their **FPCJ service**. Failure to fulfill this commitment can disqualify applicant from eligibility to receive the full award for the subsequent school year for which he/she applies.

Proof of service performed outside of FPCJ can also be on the letterhead of school, church or organization and signed by the appropriate administrator, ministry leader or management.

Check here if previous FPCJ Scholarship Recipient Date/year(s) received: _____

Affiliation: FPCJ Member FPCJ Youth Group

Student Name: _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ - _____ (required)

Home Address: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth : __ / __ / _____

E-Mail Address: personal - _____ (required)

at school- _____

(for HS Seniors only) Name of High School: _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____

High School Grade Average: _____

Name and Address of College, Trade or Technical School :
(away students -include mail box#)

Fall Semester - start & end dates:

Spring Semester - start & end dates:

Check all that apply- Level: __ Freshman __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior

Type: __ 2 year __ 4 year __ Trade/Technical __ Public __ Private __ Christian

Housing: __ On Campus __ Off Campus __ Commuter (Live at Home)

For Scholarship Applicants Only - GPA: _____ (required)

Field of Study/Interest/Major: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

✚ Prepare and Attach Personal Statement (minimum 300 words typed on topic listed under Eligibility & Instructions)

Note: Due to COVID19 impact, service performed through July 2021 will be considered for this application period only. List accordingly

✚ If you received a scholarship or grant the last school year >> Describe Community Service performed during school year/summer & Attach Proof of hours worked minimum hours requirement not applicable this application period

✚ What Service did you perform at FPCJ during the last school year/break/summer? (for returning applicant)

✚ What Service will you perform at FPCJ in the upcoming school year/during break/summer?

✚ List FPCJ Scholarship Fundraiser event you participated in during the last school year? (for returning applicant)

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (print): _____

Attached is my completed application for (check one-either Grant or Scholarship):

FPCJ Incentive Grant

I have enclosed the following required documents in support of my application:

- 1. **Grant Application** (completed on reverse side)
- 2. **Written commitment for FPCJ service** included on application
- 3. **Proof of church & community service** (Provide for service hours performed through July 2021 as minimum hours requirement will be waived for this application period due to COVID19.)
Log must be attached & signed by ministry leader(s); outside proof attached
- 4. **Proof of participation in FPCJ Fundraiser**
- 5. **School acceptance letter or confirmation of registration**

FPCJ Service Scholarship

I have enclosed the following required documents in support of my application:

- 1. **Scholarship Application** (completed on reverse side)
- 2. **Personal Statement** (300 word minimum-typed)
- 3. **GPA Verification** (from school)
- 4. **Written commitment for FPCJ service** included on application
- 5. **Proof of church & community service** (Provide for service hours performed through July 2021 as minimum hours requirement will be waived for this application period due to COVID19.)
Log must be attached & signed by ministry leader(s); outside proof attached
- 6. **Proof of participation in FPCJ Fundraiser**
- 7. **School acceptance letter or confirmation of registration**

I did not submit item(s) _____ above because _____

I understand that my application is not complete until all required documents have been received and that only applications with the required supporting documents submitted by the application deadline date will be reviewed for consideration. Failure to submit the required documents or submission after the deadline will disqualify my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Ministry Use Only:

Initial Review: Documents Complete Ministry Review by: _____ Date: _____

Documents Complete Ministry Review by: _____ Date: _____

Approved Denied Reason: _____

1st Installment Amount Received \$ _____ Date: _____

2nd Installment Verification: Registration Confirmation Received Ministry Review by: _____ Date: _____

2nd Installment Amount Received \$ _____ Date: _____