

Christ Church Rector's Scholarship

Description

The Christ Church Rector's Scholarship is given to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted into a post-secondary program of study. The \$2000 scholarship will be awarded in June; the check will be sent directly to the institution where the student will enroll the following fall. The primary criterion for this scholarship is involvement in and service to Christ Church, Warwick. The scholarship is given at the Rector's discretion and, thus, the final decision about who receives the scholarship lies with the Rector.

Process

Applicants submit 1) A brief essay (500-1000 words) about their relationship to Christ Church, 2) A CV that includes all Christ Church activities and service, and 3) A list of post-secondary institutions to which he or she has applied, indicating acceptances.

Applications should be submitted in an envelope clearly marked "Rector's Scholarship" to the Christ Church Office (50 South Street, Warwick, NY 10990) no later than May 15, 2017. Entries will be photocopied and have names removed so that they might be read anonymously. A small committee will meet to read the applications together. They will each mark their two top choices. Through discussion, they will try to reach consensus about the most-deserving candidate. When consensus cannot be reached or when the Rector disagrees, the Rector makes the final decision.

In cases where the Rector must excuse him or herself from the process due to conflict of interest, the committee shall make the final decision.

The Scholarship should be given in its entirety to one student.

Criteria for Evaluating Applicants

1. Completed application by due date
2. Deep (rather than broad) involvement in one or more areas of the church
3. Clear growth in Christian faith and character
4. Intention to pursue post-secondary education, substantiated by acceptance to a post-secondary institution.

Details

1. **Committee:** consists of the Rector and three parishioners. Anyone with a child who might apply is not eligible to serve on the committee. If the Rector must recuse him or herself, the Senior Warden takes the Rector's place on the committee.
2. **Application Essay:** the candidate should address the following: 1) Participation in Christ Church, 2) Witness to Christian faith in word and deed, and 3) Growth in relationship with God in Christ.