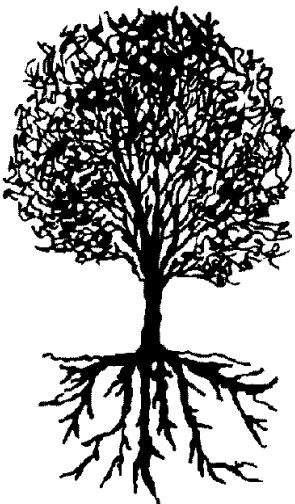


Gates Presbyterian Church

The Mustard Seed

GPC Youth Scholarship

Application Package



*Luke 17:6 If you had faith as a grain
of mustard seed . . .*

*A tiny seed of genuine faith in God
takes root
and grows to produce great things*

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Mustard Seed Scholarship Information and Application Package

Through donations from members of Gates Presbyterian Church, a fund has been established with the intent to provide scholarship assistance to a graduating high school student who will be pursuing the next level of education. We are grateful for the gifts that our youth share with our church family and are pleased to be able to help support their continuing education.

The Mustard Seed Scholarship Committee is responsible for oversight of the fund, and for decisions regarding awards. It is required that one member of the committee be a current serving elder. The chairperson of the Committee is approved by Session. Other members may include:

- GPC Youth Group Advisor
- GPC Jr or Sr High Sunday School Teacher
- GPC Deacon
- Additional GPC Member(s)

The amount of the scholarship(s) and disbursement plan will be determined annually by the GPC Mustard Seed Committee and approved by Session. Deliberations are to be based on the original guidelines of the Mustard Seed program with consideration given to current market and societal conditions.

Funds are paid directly to the school in which the awardee has enrolled. Payment is made one time per year, prior to the fall semester. In cases where the disbursement plan calls for payment over multiple years, continued enrollment and achievement of minimum GPA (2.0) are required to maintain the award.

2022 Mustard Seed Committee Chairperson:

Keith Hadley, keithahadley@gmail.com

2021 Scholarship Amount

In 2021, the amount and disbursement plan of Mustard Seed Scholarship funds was changed with Session approval. Two one-time awards were made to graduating high school students (Class of 2021) who will each be attending an accredited college/university or trade school. The one-time scholarship awards were \$3,000 each. The scholarship funds were be paid directly to the students' account prior to the 2021/2022 academic year.

Eligibility

- Applicants for the 2022 Mustard Seed Scholarship must be active in the life of Gates Presbyterian Church and must be a graduating high school student (Class of 2022).
- Verified acceptance and enrollment at an accredited college or university, or a trade, vocational, or technical school.
- For a multi-year award, a GPA of not less than 2.0 (4.0 scale) must be maintained to receive the annual award in subsequent years.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to understand the implications of this scholarship as it relates to other financial packages for which they have applied or may have been awarded.

Application Process

Those who meet the Eligibility criteria detailed above and who wish to apply for the 2022 Mustard Seed Scholarship must complete and submit the following:

- Application Form (included in this package)
- Required additional documents as detailed in the Application.

Selection Criteria and Selection Period

Applicants will be considered based on the following:

- Level of participation in youth program and other church activities
- Personal character qualities
- The quality of the applications and essays
- Committee interview with applicants
- Church membership will be taken into consideration

Mandatory Information Session

A Mandatory Information Session will be scheduled during the first quarter of 2022. This meeting is for all potential applicants and their parents/guardians. There will be a short presentation about the program and an opportunity to ask questions about the application form, process, history of the Mustard Seed fund, etc.

Key Dates for 2022

March 20 nd	11:30 via Zoom	Mandatory meeting for applicants and parent(s)/guardian(s)
April 17 th		Completed applications due in church office
May 1 st	TBD via Zoom	Applicant interviews with Mustard Seed Committee
May 8 th		Awardee(s) notified
May 15 th	Bulletin	Congregation notified of 2022 Awardee(s)

Please note that late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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MUSTARD SEED SCHOLARSHIP
2022 Application

Applicant

Name _____ GPC Member _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Name _____ GPC Member _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

High School _____ Class of _____

College/University or Trade School that you plan to attend:

Have you been accepted? _____ Date tuition is due: _____

Bursar / Financial Aid Office Info

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Essay

Answer one of the following questions. Your answer should be no more than 1,000 words. Although the technical part of the essay is important, we are looking for the message you are presenting.

1. In the book of Luke, Jesus said that the kingdom of God is compared to a man who takes a mustard seed and plants it in his field. The plant grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make their nest in its branches. How have you experienced this parable in your own life?
2. Select one of the parables and describe how it has influenced your life and affected your goals.
3. Think of someone you met on a work project. Describe the person and how you were influenced by him/her. What insights did you discover about your faith in meeting this person?
4. God calls us "to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." Give an example of how your faith journey has mirrored this scripture.

References

Two references are required and are to be submitted with your completed application. Detail of requested information is included in this packet. Envelopes are available for use by those providing references for you.

Hint: Give those from whom you request references sufficient notice to prepare the thoughtful response you deserve.

- One from a GPC member **other than** a pastor or youth group advisor
- One from an adult who is not related to you and is not a GPC member.
(Examples: Boy/Girl Scout leader, Teacher, Coach, Employer)

Additional Documentation

Copy of letter of acceptance from the school (if available)

Reminder!

**All application documents must be submitted together by the specified due date.
Applications that are late or incomplete will not be accepted.**

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Reference Form

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