

FOREST GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH (FGCC) – Bursaries

Any student may apply for a bursary if he/she is enrolled full time in a Christian post-secondary institution for a minimum of one full year. Funds will be released directly to the educational institution to apply to the second Semester (winter) costs related to tuition and/or residence upon confirmation of enrolment and after the applicant completes the reporting requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Individuals wishing to receive a bursary will apply to the FGCC office using the available form. The Bursary Committee will review the applications and administer the available funds according to the guidelines below. **All application components must be received by the church office by November 1st of the year they are attending. Applications that are incomplete (including references) as of this date may not be considered.** The bursary committee may request an interview with the applicant.

GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICANT

- Applicants must be connected to and involved in a congregation of FGCC
- The completed application and references must be received by the FGCC office by November 1 of the application academic year
- All communication related to the application must come directly from the student
- The student will send an email to their congregation's site pastor by December 15 of the year of application. This email will include:
 - o A brief summary of learning in the fall semester
 - o A brief summary of spiritual growth during the fall semester
 - o Any other impact the fall semester has had

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

- Students who have been affirmed to receive a bursary will be informed in writing by their congregation's site pastor.
- Priority will be given to students pursuing a calling to vocational ministry
- Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA (C+ average) to qualify for a bursary
- All "guidelines for the applicant" (above) must be met for disbursement of funds.
- Upon confirmation that the guidelines have been met, FGCC will issue a Cheque to the institution for the amount of the bursary. Students are responsible to inform FGCC if there are any matching grant options and send all related contact information for that process.

Guidelines for bursary amounts are as follows, depending on FGCC financial health:

- College 1st year - \$200
- College 2nd year - \$300
- College 3rd year - \$400
- College 4th year and higher - \$500
- Seminary (all years) - \$750