

Pumpkin Patch Scholarship, 2021 *offered by:*

Carter Memorial United Methodist Church
800 Highland Avenue
Needham, MA 02494
♦www.carterumc.org ♦ 781-444-2460 ♦

Community Service Scholarship

Carter Memorial UMC is delighted to offer three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to continue their education in a college, university, accredited trade school, or alternative pursuit and reside in Needham, Wellesley, Dedham, Dover, Norwood, Westwood and Newton. The scholarship criteria are based on community service and a genuine desire to serve others.

These scholarships are made possible through proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch that the church organizes each fall. This is the church's small way to thank the community for supporting our fundraising efforts through pumpkin sales and to demonstrate our commitment to service in the world.

Applications may be requested through the church office at 800 Highland Ave., Needham, MA 02494, or office@carterumc.org or downloaded at www.carterumc.org. Applications are due back to the church office no later than noon on **Friday, May 14, 2021** and must be complete with all supporting documents. You will be notified of the committee decision by Saturday, June 12.

A letter of intent to attend the chosen college, university, accredited trade school, or alternative pursuit will be expected prior to awarding the check.

The application and all supporting documents are due back to the church office no later than noon Friday, May 14, 2021 with notification being made by Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

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Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____

Current high school: _____

Date of graduation: _____

Name of college, university, accredited trade school, or alternative pursuit for next year (or, if you are undecided, where have you applied?). *Note: To be considered for a scholarship, the alternative pursuit must involve a substantial investment in an educational, training, or service activity.*

Special considerations-if any (*May include: death of a parent, disability, financial hardship, or any other unusual circumstances.*)

Community Service

Several factors attract people to community service and volunteer work however the social and moral good of helping others in need is perhaps the most powerful motivation. Please list your community service activities, as distinct from activities associated with membership in an organization. For example, selling Girl Scout Cookies or hosting a bake sale for the band is not community service or volunteer work as it is an expectation of the organization for funding. Community service done as part of an educational requirement is acceptable since there is no financial gain to the school or individual.

Please list all community service activities below: (attach additional page if needed)

Service: _____

Dates that you served: _____

Description of what you did. _____

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Attachments

Please include the following with your application, due back to the church office no later than Noon, May 14, 2021.

Two letters of reference that speak to the needs below; letters cannot be written by family members. We are not looking for letters written by teachers for college applications although they may be submitted.

1. Recommendation for the supervisor/team leader/agency of one of the locations that you served verifying your activities and participation.
2. Recommendation forms a team leader, coach, guidance counselor, youth leader, religious leader etc. that can attest to your character and has evidence of your community service.

Essay questions (no more than 500 words each)

1. Why is it important to serve others and what was the motivation behind your service?
2. How has your service impacted both the world around you and your own perspective?
If applicable, please include how your service has impacted decisions about your future.
3. In your opinion what are the conditions that keep people in poverty?

Submission checklist:

- Scholarship application
- Letters of reference (2)
- Essay questions (3)
- College acceptance letter if available (a letter of intent will be expected once your final decision has been made)

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the essay I have provided is my work alone. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Pumpkin Patch Scholarship program.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

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