



Perry Metcalf Memorial Scholarship Application Form - 2025

The Perry Metcalf Memorial Scholarship was instituted in 1998 to honor the memory of Perry Metcalf whose passion was to serve God through working with the Hope Ridge United Methodist Youth. Hope Ridge United Methodist Church has established scholarships to be awarded to a high school graduating senior planning to further his/her education and a second to be awarded to a current college, university, or vocational undergraduate student.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be
 - a member of the 2025 graduating class planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or a vocational school OR
 - a current student in a two-year or four-year college or a vocational school.
- Applicant must have been accepted at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational school.
- Applicant must be a confirmed member of Hope Ridge UMC.
- Applicant will be judged on character, spirituality, service, motivation and leadership.

Requirements

- Two (2) letters of recommendation from adult mentors, teachers, or extracurricular leaders.
- Evidence of acceptance at an accredited university, college or vocational school.
- A copy of the applicant’s transcripts.
- A signed and dated application form AND essay completed by the student.
- All four of the above requirements must be provided in full.

How to Submit an Application

- Application forms are available from the Hope Ridge United Methodist Church Office or website.
- Letters of reference and completed application forms must be submitted to the Hope Ridge UMC Office no later than 3:00 PM on April 4, 2025. Applications will then be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee for review.

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Application for the Perry Metcalf Memorial Fund Scholarship

(To be filled out in ink or typed)

Please follow the instructions carefully when completing this application. If any of the requested information is not provided, the application will be not be considered. The Scholarship Committee is directed to select recipients based upon the criteria of character, spirituality, service, motivation, and leadership.

Applicant's Background Information

1. Name _____ Date _____
2. Address _____
3. Cell phone _____ Date of birth _____
4. Father's name _____ Living? _____ Guardian _____
5. Mother's name _____ Living? _____ Guardian _____
6. Please indicate the scholarship for which you are applying (check one):
 - \$750 scholarship (Enrollment as a freshman in a two-year or four-year college/university or a vocational school)
 - \$750 scholarship (Enrollment as an upper-classman in a two-year or four-year college/university or a vocational school)

What university, college or vocational school will you be attending? _____
(Attach copy of your letter of acceptance)

**Please address the following on your own paper. Type or use ink.
You are encouraged to create a chart for A.**

Character, Spirituality, Service, Motivation, Leadership

- A. List your extra-curricular activities or clubs, outside-of-school activities e.g., church, Scouts, community service, volunteer work, and summer and/or after school employment. After each, indicate your years of involvement and any positions of responsibility you have held.

AND

**Please address ONE of the following on your own paper. Type or use ink.
Each requires a well-considered and thorough response. Illustrative stories, examples,
and specific details are strongly encouraged. Please proofread and correct errors in
mechanics before submitting the application.**

Character, Spirituality, Service, Motivation, Leadership

- B. (500 to 1000 words) Think about your activities listed in A. In what ways did you demonstrate leadership or acceptance of responsibility? Describe persons or situations that challenged you in some way. From whom or what came the good judgment to deal with the challenges? What did you learn about yourself as you worked through these challenges?

OR

Character, Spirituality, Service, Motivation, Leadership

- C. (500 to 1000 words) Successful persons often admit that they learned more from their failures than from their successes. Consider the roles that failure has played in your life. Then, select a meaningful and specific incident or situation that you initially characterized as a failure. Discuss what you learned. What did you learn about yourself? How did it motivate you? In what ways has the experience changed you?

OR

Character, Spirituality, Service, Motivation, Leadership

- D. (500 to 1000 words) Successful persons often admit that they learned more from their failures than from their successes. Interview one adult member of Hope Ridge Church to learn about one incident of failure that changed or greatly impacted that person's life in some unforeseen but eventually positive way. Retell the story and discuss what changes, lessons, inspiration, and/or self-knowledge came as a result. What impact did the story have upon you the interviewer?

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Letters of Recommendation

List two persons as references and their professional relationship to you. They will each need to complete one of the attached "Letter of Recommendation Forms" and return it to you in a sealed envelope, and you will submit it with the remainder of your application. You are responsible for providing these forms to the individuals listed below and ensuring the letters are returned by the deadline:

Reference 1. _____ Relationship to the Student _____

Reference 2. _____ Relationship to the Student _____

Certification / Final Checklist

I certify that all the information furnished on this application is correct. I understand that falsification of any response will automatically result in disqualification.

I consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used in Hope Ridge UMC publications including newsletters, the website, and Facebook.

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I am highly encouraged to be present at worship on June 1, 2025, for recognition by the congregation.

I understand that I must submit all required attachments and supporting information with this application and that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Checklist: All sections of application completed and form signed by applicant.

- √ Copy of "letter of acceptance" from the educational institution attached
- √ Transcript
- √ Two letters of reference provided

Thank you for applying for the 2025 Perry Metcalf Memorial Scholarship. To ensure you are considered, you must return this application to the Church Office on or before April 4, 2025, by 3:00 PM.



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2025 Perry Metcalf Memorial Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Form

Each applicant for the Perry Metcalf Memorial Scholarship is required to submit two letters of recommendation from two different adult mentors, teachers, or extracurricular leaders who can give the Committee greater insight into the qualifications of the scholarship applicant.

Note: Please return your letter of recommendation, along with your “Background Information,” to the applicant. This will ensure the student receives proper consideration for the scholarship. The entire application is due by April 4, 2025. Thank you.

Background Information

1. Name of applicant _____ Date _____

2. Name of adult providing recommendation and relationship to the student

(Please sign)

Phone _____

Letter of Recommendation

_____ has selected you as someone who can give insights into his/her character, spirituality, service, motivation, and leadership because of your capacity as an adult mentor, teacher, coach or extracurricular leader.

What positive attributes or characteristics has the applicant demonstrated that would provide the Scholarship Committee with a good understanding of his/her qualifications?

In your discussion, providing specific examples and/or stories would be very helpful to the Committee. Thank you.