

### 2025 WAYNE BINGAMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Wayne Bingaman was a character! Though he came to faith later in life, he made up for it in enthusiasm. As self-appointed worship greeter, Wayne was a fixture in our church until the day the Lord called him Home. This scholarship, named after our friend, is a gift to a graduating senior or seniors, on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, Colorado. High school seniors from Yuma and Washington counties are eligible for this annual scholarship to help with their higher education goals, the amount of which varies from year to year depending on the pool of applicants. The total annual gift shall not exceed \$2500 and may be divided among eligible applicants.

In keeping with the spirit of Wayne, we intend this money to help students who may have a harder time finding financial aid because of their current grades. Though all are welcome to apply, weightier consideration will be given to students with a GPA 3.0-3.5. (See rubric for details.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Are you going to college or trade school next year? If so, where?

Are you, or do you have any family members who are, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Yuma? If so, who?

How did you hear about this scholarship?

#### Checklist for COMPLETE Application:

- ☐ This completed cover sheet.
- ☐ A one-page resume articulating your activities in church, school and community, as well as a description of vocational and educational plans.
- ☐ A one-page essay on the topic: "How has your faith developed in the last five years, and how will your continue to grow your faith in the next five?" Because the applications will be reviewed blindly by the selection committee, please place your first and last name on a single line at the top of the page and then refrain from mentioning your name or school in the essay.
- ☐ A recent copy of High School transcript (or equivalent for home schooled students) to verify GPA.
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation; one must be from someone in your faith community.

**All material must be submitted in one packet to the church office by April 30, 2025!**

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**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

## **WAYNE BINGAMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

The Wayne Bingaman Memorial Scholarship is a gift to a graduating senior or seniors, on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, Colorado to continue their education and go on to care for their communities of faith. High school seniors from Yuma and Washington counties are eligible for this annual scholarship to help with their higher education goals, the amount of which varies from year to year depending on the pool of applicants. The annual gift shall not exceed \$2500 and may be divided among eligible applicants.

A completed submission for this scholarship shall consist of the following:

1. A completed application cover sheet.
2. A one-page resume articulating the student's activities in church, school and community, as well as a description of vocational and educational plans.
3. A one-page essay on the topic: "How has your faith developed in the last five years, and how will you continue to grow your faith in the next five?"
4. Because the applications will be reviewed "blindly" by the selection committee, applicants will place first and last name on a single line at the top of the page and then refrain from mentioning name or school in the essay.
5. A recent copy of High School transcript to verify GPA.
6. Two letters of recommendation; one must be from someone in their faith community.

All material must be submitted in one packet; incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Application Deadline date is April 18, 2025, applications should be delivered to First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, office.**

A scholarship selection committee shall be formed consisting of at least one installed Deacon, one PW member, and one member of the Finance committee to serve as chair of the committee. No committee member shall knowingly serve on the committee when a family member is an applicant. The committee shall not exceed six people and will be chosen by the Finance committee. The pastor may serve ex-officio without vote and may fill out recommendation letters at his/her discretion.

After applications are received in the church office, they will be prepared and given to the committee with all references of applicant's name and school removed. The master application and an application key will be kept locked in the church office.

All voting committee members will fill out rubric (found on page 3) and chair will tally their scores. Top scores will be reviewed by committee to award scholarship amounts. Scholarships will be judged on a point system (1= lowest, 10=highest) based on this rubric. In the event of a tie, the Scholarship Committee may elect to award additional points based on extenuating life circumstances or demonstrated financial need. The additional points option is meant to acknowledge commitments of students managing unique life circumstances even though this scholarship is based on merit, not need.

All applicants will be notified via mail mid-May. Scholarship recipients will be asked to be present at a Sunday service in June to receive their check and our congratulations, though it is not required.

Score Level	Essay (Blind read)	Academics	Recommendations	Extra-Curricular	Faith Life
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Essay is well thought out, exceptionally written, and answers the question fully</li> <li>○ Applicant's academic and vocational goals clearly articulated.</li> <li>○ High-level use of vocabulary and word choice with no spelling, grammatical, or punctuation errors.</li> </ul>	○ 3.1-3.5 GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recommendation strongly supports applicant.</li> <li>○ Recommendation reflects support and confidence in applicant's career and academic goals.</li> <li>○ Recommendation provides significant insight into merits of application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student has a leadership role in one or more extracurricular or community activities that benefit others.</li> <li>○ Student active in church community.</li> <li>○ Student has current work/volunteer experience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Articulation and demonstration of active faith life (Bible study, youth group, church membership, worship participation)</li> <li>○ Use of Scripture</li> </ul>
7-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is well written and question is answered.</li> <li>○ Essay shows critical thinking and self-expression.</li> <li>○ Has academic and professional goals</li> <li>○ Few (1 to 3) spelling, grammatical, or punctuation errors</li> <li>○ Good use of vocabulary and word choice.</li> </ul>	○ 2.5-3.0 GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letter supports the candidate's application.</li> <li>○ Recommendation provides some insight into the candidate's merit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student is actively involved (just this year) in 1 extracurricular or community activity that serves others.</li> <li>○ Student has prior work/volunteer experience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some demonstration of current one or two activities in a church</li> </ul>
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good essay.</li> <li>○ Some critical thinking and self-expression.</li> <li>○ Career goals, stated but unclear.</li> <li>○ Minimal (3 to 5) spelling, grammatical, or punctuation errors.</li> <li>○ Low-level use of vocabulary and word choice.</li> <li>○ Slow but steady academic progress is being made.</li> </ul>	○ 3.6-3.8 GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recommendation weakly supports candidate's application and provides little insight into candidate's merit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student has participated in extra-curricular and community activities.</li> <li>○ Student has been employed in the past.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Little demonstration of activities in a church</li> <li>○ Vague</li> </ul>
1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Essay lacks focus and is poorly written.</li> <li>○ Student provides no clear career goals.</li> <li>○ More than 5 spelling, grammatical, or punctuation errors.</li> <li>○ Poor use of vocabulary and word choice.</li> <li>○ Weak academic progress.</li> </ul>	○ 3.9-4.0+ GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letter does not strongly support the candidate's application.</li> <li>○ Little evidence of applicant's scholarship or leadership.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No extra-curricular activities mentioned in application.</li> <li>○ No work experience mentioned</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No articulation or demonstration faith life.</li> <li>○ Hostility towards religion.</li> </ul>