



RW Empey Scholarship Fund

Springfield Christian Church's RW Empey Scholarship fund helps our church's members and the community fund education following high school. The funds come from gifts and donations to the R.W. Empey Scholarship fund.

To be eligible, applicants must be graduating high school seniors who reside in the areas served by Patrick Henry, Louisa, or Goochland high schools, or any child who is a member or related to a member of

Springfield Christian Church (regardless of jurisdiction in Virginia) at the scholarship award committee's discretion.

Students must be entering their first post-high-school educational experience leading to an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree. To encourage consideration of vocations in the performing arts, the scholarship is limited to applicants whose intention is in the performing arts, as defined by music, acting, or dance. The scholarship award committee reserves the right to expand these definitions as desired. Awards are decided based on applications received. [Access the application here.](#)

2026 Dates:

May 13, 2026 - Application Process Opens

June 13, 2026 - Applications closed

June 20, 2026 - Selected candidate is notified

June/July - Selected candidate will attend a service at Springfield Christian Church to be presented with award certificate.

Administration of the fund and the award:

1. The chancel choir will serve as the scholarship award committee.
2. Scholarship award opportunities will be offered as funds are available and at the discretion of the scholarship award committee. The current plan is to offer this award once per year.
3. The scholarship award amount will be set each year by the scholarship award committee. For 2026, the scholarship award will be a single \$1,000 award to one recipient.
4. The scholarship selection committee will be a minimum of 3 people from the chancel choir.

5. There will be at least one public announcement about the scholarship opportunity each time an application period opens. Such announcement may include, but not necessarily limited to, an announcement in church, online, and/or in local papers, etc.
6. Recordkeeping. The scholarship award committee will keep a case history of recipients for at least three years and show how recipients were selected. This includes keeping the applications on file.
7. Recipients will sign a statement indicating that funds will be used toward tuition and fees paid to enroll at an educational institution or for any fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for classes at an educational institution.
8. Potential recipients will need to provide documentation to ensure that the student is enrolled at an educational institution.
9. The recipient will be required to come to Springfield Christian Church on a mutually agreed church event date to receive the award and share their plans/dreams/goals with the congregation.
10. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the institution the student will attend.

Selecting recipients:

Step 1: The scholarship selection committee will review all applicants and the application details received, except that they will not watch the submitted videos, which will be reserved for later in the selection process.

Step 2: Based on the review of materials, the application pool will be narrowed to top candidates.

Step 3: The scholarship selection committee will then watch the accompanying videos.

Step 4: The scholarship selection committee will select one candidate for the scholarship award and present that to the full scholarship award committee (choir) for blessing.

Award Presentation:

A representative from the scholarship selection committee will notify the selected candidate and confirm that their plans are unchanged. A mutual date will be selected for the recipient to come to church to receive their award (as a certificate, since actual payment will be made to the university). The church will send the payment to the selected school on the student's behalf.