

The Lees-McRae Presbyterian Scholarship, valued at \$2,000, is awarded to Lees-McRae students who have been an active member of the Presbyterian Church congregation for a minimum of four years. Selected students must demonstrate participation in church and community service. Application materials (including application, essay and reference evaluation form) must be submitted by February 15, 2026.

This scholarship is renewable as long as the student remains enrolled at Lees-McRae in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and can provide a letter from a pastor at a local Presbyterian Church indicating regular involvement with that congregation and participation in at least 20 hours of service per semester to that congregation.

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### **Required Application Materials**

- ☐ Completion of all admissions requirements and acceptance to Lees-McRae College
- ☐ Resume of participation in church-related and community service activities with a description of the activity and any leadership roles related to these activities. Include work in your local congregation, presbytery, synod, national church, or church-related organizations such as scouts, church camps, or other community groups.
- ☐ One-page essay answering the question: *What does it mean to live out my faith?*
- ☐ One letter of recommendation from the pastor of your home congregation OR a youth group or project leader with whom you have worked
- ☐ A signed commitment on your part to continue your regular involvement with a PC congregation during your time at college and to take an active role in campus-based community service projects.



## Presbyterian Scholarship 2026–27 Application

### Applicant Information

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that all the information in this application is true and correct. If I am chosen to receive a Presbyterian Scholarship, I accept the conditions for receiving and maintaining eligibility described in this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach additional required material when submitting application.**

**Application Deadline: February 15, 2026**

**Submit all application materials to:**

Karen King, Director of Financial Aid  
Lees-McRae College  
PO Box 128  
Banner Elk, NC 28604

## Reference Evaluation (Page 1)

Thank you for providing additional feedback on the applicant.

### To be completed by student:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### To be completed by the pastor of student's home congregation OR a youth group or project leader with whom the student has worked

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Please complete this evaluation and provide a reference addressing academic aptitude and potential for success. Return the reference to the applicant who will submit it with the application.

Church Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Background Information

How long have you known the student: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your relationship to the student and their involvement/leadership in your congregation:

## Reference Evaluation (Page 2)

### Student Assessment

What two words come to mind to best describe this student?

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Compared to other students in his/her class year, how do you rate this student in each of the following categories?

	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
<b>Academic Achievement</b>						
<b>Intellectual Promise</b>						
<b>Respect for Others</b>						
<b>Disciplined Work Habits</b>						
<b>Maturity Level</b>						
<b>Leadership Ability</b>						
<b>Taking Initiative</b>						
<b>Ability to Collaborate</b>						
<b>Time Management</b>						
<b>Organization Skills</b>						
<b>Communication Skills</b>						
<b>Church Participation</b>						
<b>Community Involvement</b>						
<b>Overall</b>						

Additional Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_