**2017 Scholarship Requirements**



**Twice Blessed Thrift Shop**

**The Reformed Church of New Paltz**

The Twice Blessed Thrift Shop of the New Paltz Reformed Church will award scholarships in 2017 to recognize individuals who have made a positive impact in their Church, school, community or workplace. Applicants must have demonstrated substantial academic achievement, or commensurate experience, that indicates ability to succeed in a post-secondary program.

Applications will be available at the church office or on the church website ([www.reformedchurchofnewpaltz.org](http://www.reformedchurchofnewpaltz.org)) starting Wednesday, April 12, 2017 and must be completed and submitted to the Church office by **NOON** on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Applications will be reviewed by the Twice Blessed Scholarship Committee of the Reformed Church of New Paltz. Winners will be announced by Wednesday, July 12, 2017*.*

***Please be aware that Twice Blessed has limited funds for scholarship purposes in 2017***

**Eligibility**

1. The applicant must be a member of the New Paltz Reformed Church or a regular Twice Blessed volunteer or a direct relative of either of these. Direct relatives would include children, spouses and grandchildren of a church member or Twice Blessed volunteer.
2. Those who have previously received a Twice Blessed scholarship are not eligible.
3. Candidates must be currently enrolled or have been accepted into a post secondary program for the Fall of the year in which they are applying for the scholarship.

**Application Packet**

***The following must be included to complete the application process:***

1**. Application**:

* A completed application form which can be obtained at the Reformed Church office (Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 AM – 2 PM) or on the church website ([www.reformedchurchofnewpaltz.org](http://www.reformedchurchofnewpaltz.org)).

 2. **References:**

* One (1) letter of reference from a teacher/professor: If applicant has been employed full time for more than two years, a letter of reference from a direct supervisor will be accepted.
* One (1) letter of reference from an individual other than a teacher/professor who is familiar with the applicant’s impact on church and/or community activities.
* Relatives, and/or members of the Twice Blessed scholarship committee, may not provide letters of reference.

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 3**. Personal Essay**:

* A typed personal essay of approximately 300 words that explains the applicant’s educational goals; what impact he/she had in an organization, the community, or workplace …and how further education will help the applicant continue to contribute to the community.

4. **Honors/Awards**:

* ***On a separate sheet*** attached to your applicationplease list…
	+ Any academic or other awards received. e.g. National Honor Society
	+ Community Service/Church Service. e.g. Choir participation, Applestock, Overseas Community work etc.

5**. Transcripts**:

* An official transcript for those applicants currently enrolled in high school.
* An official undergraduate college transcript for those applicants currently enrolled at the college level.

Applicants with fewer than 24 college level credits must **ALSO** submit a high school transcript.

* Graduate students must submit official transcripts for both undergraduate and graduate work.

**Note: It is the applicant’s responsibility to submit a completed application packet, including all references, by NOON on the deadline date of Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Only completed application packets will be considered. There will be no exceptions.**

**Deadline for Submission: Completed applications must be received by NOON on June 14, 2017.**

**Completed Applications must be submitted to:**

 Reformed Church of New Paltz – Church Office

 ATTN: Twice Blessed Scholarship Committee

 92 Huguenot Street

 New Paltz, New York 12561

**2017 Scholarship Application**



**Twice Blessed Thrift Shop**

**The Reformed Church of New Paltz**

Applicant’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cily:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_e-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending (if applicable):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (if applicable):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College(s) or Educational Institution(s) you are currently attending or plan to attend: Note: The applicant must be currently enrolled or plan on being enrolled in a post-secondary program for the Fall of the year in which they are applying.

Intended Major or Course of Study:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Eligibility:

\_\_\_\_ I am a member of the Reformed Church.

\_\_\_\_ I am related to a Church member: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How related:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am related to a Twice Blessed Volunteer: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How related:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

References: Please list the names of those providing references.

1. Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please fill out all sections of this form and submit with your completed application packet to:***

Reformed Church of New Paltz – Church Office

 ATTN: Twice Blessed Scholarship Committee

 92 Huguenot Street

 New Paltz, New York 12561

**Deadline for Submission: Completed applications must be received in the Church Office by NOON on June 14, 2017.**

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

**APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**