



# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Application

2026 - 2027 School Year

Application due: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

**By checking this box, I confirm I live or attend school in the Blue Ridge School District**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (current) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/(Guardian's) Name, Address, & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/(Guardian's) Name, Address, & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of College, University, Community College, or Vocational/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition and Required Fees per Semester \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended (Note: We only approve applications of potential scholars who have or will be graduating high school. We do not fund vocational or college awards for high school students)

Date	High school	Location
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total number of high school years completed (and will you graduate?) \_\_\_\_\_

Date you will enter school you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Have you submitted a financial aid form (FAFSA)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What is your EFC? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

SAT/ACT score \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ Out of \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to be considered for a Conkle-Rowe Scholarship, the following items must be presented with your application (including residency or high school attendance within the Blue Ridge School District):**

- 1) **Signed Application:** Please sign the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Application. Page titled: “*Application Signature Page*”.
- 2) **Photo:** A photograph of yourself, selfie, snapshot (close-up) is fine. We need to see your face.
- 3) **Essay:** An essay describing your personal, educational, and professional goals in life and how you feel this scholarship will assist you in attaining those goals and any information regarding yourself that you believe would be helpful to the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee.
- 4) **Activities:** A list of **a) all extracurricular activities**, and **b) community or civic activities**, in which you have participated since entering high school and any honors you have achieved.
- 5) **Teacher Recommendation:** Send a signed letter of recommendation from a high school teacher with whom you have had at least one (1) class.
- 6) **Community Recommendation:** Send a signed letter of recommendation from a resident of your community who is not a relative and who can write knowledgeably about you and why you might deserve this scholarship. Note: A letter from an employer is acceptable.
- 7) **Transcript:** A signed, official transcript of your academic records (grades 9-12)
- 8) **ACT or SAT Scores:** A copy of your SAT or ACT scores
- 9) **FAFSA Email:** A copy of the e-mail received after your FAFSA report has been processed showing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). (Do NOT send the entire form).
  - a) If there are unusual circumstances that you think have a bearing on this evaluation, attach an explanation to your application.
  - b) If you are attending a school that does not require the FAFSA, such as a trade school – please write a short explanation as to why you need financial assistance.
- 10) **College Acceptance:** Send a letter of Acceptance from the college to which you have applied.
  - a. For us to consider you a full-time student, you must take a minimum of 12 hrs.
  - b. Students taking less than 12 hours for any semester will have their scholarship prorated
- 11) **College Financial Letter:** Send a letter from the College Finance Office of the school you will be attending (if not available yet, it must be submitted before we can finalize your final review and approval for a scholarship by the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee)
- 12) **Other Scholarships/Awards:** List of all other scholarships/grants/awards received –notify us as soon as possible upon receipt of awards.

**IMPORTANT DUE DATES (Fall due dates 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of December; Spring due dates 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of June)**

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| a) Scholarship Application, due:        | Tuesday, March 31, 2026.           |
| b) Fall semester grades due:            | Example: Friday, December 11, 2026 |
| c) Spring semester grades & Letter due: | Example: Friday, June 11, 2027.    |

**To All Applicants:**

If you have not applied for a FAFSA, it is imperative that you do so as soon as possible.

- 1) It may take up to 6-8 weeks to receive your number and approval.
- 2) Check with your school advisor regarding the FAFSA application process.
  - a) The Pell Grant, Stafford loan and application to a specific college, other grants and the report you will receive from the government are dependent upon the FAFSA application. Do not delay!
  - b) If you are attending a school that does not require a FAFSA, please include a statement from that school stating that it is not necessary.
- 3) Our final scholarship awards are dependent upon the following:
  - a. Your signed application to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee
  - b. Student interview (to be scheduled by the Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Committee)
  - c. List of any other scholarships received
  - d. An acceptance letter from the school/or schools you plan to attend
  - e. A statement from that school concerning what school assistance they are also providing (additional scholarship money, work, study, etc.)
  - f. Your FAFSA statement showing your EFC (expected family contribution)

Items c, d, e, and f do not need to be provided with the application but should be available when you have your interview.

**Scholarships are paid ONLY to the school of the approved applicant**

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## Application Signature Page

- 1) **I will be responsible to report my grades at the end of each semester.**
  - a. **Fall Semester** grades and list of classes for next semester are due by the *second Friday of December*. Checks will not be sent until after the first of the year unless you have made special arrangements. If we do not receive grades, the scholarship money will not be sent to your school. No grades, no scholarship checks!
  - b. **Spring Semester** grades, a list of classes for the next semester, and a progress narrative of your past school year are due by the *second Friday of June*. No grades, no progress narrative, no scholarship checks!
  - c. Checks may be withheld if the student does not meet a “C” average. We expect grade improvement in the subsequent years.
- 2) **Transfer of Schools:** If I decide to change schools (“transfer”) or pursue another degree program and would like to be considered for a new Conkle-Rowe Scholarship, I agree to re-apply. Do not assume you will receive your Conkle-Rowe Scholarship unless we receive and approve your completed **Conkle-Rowe Transfer Application**.
- 3) **Other Degree Programs:** If you decide to start a new undergraduate degree program after you complete the degree program stated on this application, you must reapply for a new Conkle-Rowe Scholarship (Conkle-Rowe Transfer Application).
- 4) **On-going Tuition Scholarship Awards:** We award up to eight tuition award scholarships for bachelor’s degrees and up to four tuition award scholarships for associates degree programs. ***You do not need to reapply each term/semester for on-going tuition scholarship awards*** as long as you abide by the terms of this signed agreement.

I hereby make application to the Church of the Good Shepherd for a Conkle-Rowe scholarship.

I have read the above rules and understand my obligations to the Church of the Good Shepherd.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Student ID #) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

***Fulfilling the application requirements completely and on time is part of the evaluation of the applicant.***

# PHOTO and PRINT USE RELEASE FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant and authorize The Church of the Good Shepherd and/or The Conkle- Rowe Scholarship Endowment Board the right to take, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, distribute and make use of any and all pictures, videos, stories, biographies, use of my name, likeness or references taken of me by, or submitted to The Church of the Good Shepherd and/or The Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Endowment Board to be used in and/or for legally promotional materials including, but not limited to, newsletters, flyers, posters, brochures, advertisements, fundraising letters, annual reports, press kits and submissions to journalists, websites, social networking sites and other print and digital communications, without payment or any other considerations. This authorization extends to all languages, media, formats and markets now known or hereafter devised. This authorization shall continue indefinitely, unless I otherwise revoke said authorization in writing.

I understand and agree that these materials shall become the property of The Church of the Good Shepherd and/or The Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Endowment Board and will not be returned.

I hereby hold harmless, and release The Church of the Good Shepherd and/or The Conkle-Rowe Scholarship Endowment Board from all liability, petitions, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representative, executors, administrators, or any other persons may make while acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate.

\_\_\_\_\_(Initial)\*I warrant that I am of the age of consent (18 years or older) and that I am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*If the person signing this is under the age of consent, then this release must be signed by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this individual.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date