

Sarah M. Wales Scholarship

Sarah M. Wales was a teacher of elementary students for over 40 years. When she died, funds from her estate were entrusted to St. James Episcopal Church, Woonsocket, to be distributed to qualified applicants who wished to pursue higher education as teachers.

The world of education has changed over the past fifty years: teaching has broadened in many forms not confined within the four walls of a school classroom. The Scholarship Committee follows the initial intent of giving awards to students studying to be teachers, by acknowledging that there are teaching components in all types of careers. Most occupations require that the employee teaches or instructs others at times. The teaching may be one-on-one, in groups, in person, virtual, etc.

The amount of the scholarships may vary depending on the number of applicants receiving the awards. In recent years the awards have started at \$ 2,500.00. The college receives the check to be used toward college-related expenses.

To receive an application, call the church office at 401-762-2222 or email the office at stjameswoon@outlook.com. The application deadline is June 1, 2026. The scholarship is open to any qualified applicant; special consideration is given to those with an association with St. James Episcopal Church, (e.g. a relative of a member or former parishioner).

All information will remain confidential. The Sarah M. Wales Scholarship Committee does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or religious beliefs.

New Applicants must include the following with their application:

1. Unofficial transcript of high school grades.
2. Two letters of reference from high school such as college application letters from principal, guidance counselor, teacher, etc.

Applicants who have already received a scholarship may apply again the following year. The application must include:

1. Unofficial transcript of the previous year's grades.
2. The applicant's one-page assessment of their academic and personal growth during the year.

SARAH M. WALES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This application must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2026.

Your Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone #

Home:

Cell:

Email Address:

Age:

Date of Birth:

Parents/Legal Guardians' name(s) and address:

Academic Information (Complete all applicable information):

Name of High School:

Year of graduation:

Name and address of College, University, Institute of Higher Learning you are now attending, or plan to attend:

Year you expect to graduate:

Current year in college:

SAT Scores: Verbal/Writing: ____ Math: ____ ACT Composite Score: ____

SAT/ACT SCORES ARE OPTIONAL

Other notable testing scores:

(Home-schooled students may submit a one-page summary of their portfolios along with scores on any national tests (if taken) and any examinations taken that show proficiency in high-school level subjects).

Statement by Applicant and Parent/Guardian

Applicant: I personally have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Parent or Guardian: I have reviewed this report and believe it to be correct.

Signature if applicant is under 18:

Date:

If the applicant is under 18, they **must** have a Parent/Guardian sign this form.

Statement of Applicant's Accomplishments and Plans

(Please attach type-written responses answering all questions in complete sentences.)

1. What were your school-related clubs / extracurricular activities? What skills or special interests did you develop by your participation?
2. In what church / community activities did you participate? In what ways were you positively influenced?
3. Describe any work experience you have had, including the type of work, hours per week, and dates held. What skills did you learn and develop from your employment?
4. What major / course of study do you plan to pursue and what are the reasons for this focus? In what ways might you be "teaching" others in your future career?
5. What ties, if any, do you have to St. James Episcopal Church, Woonsocket? Please be specific: i.e. member, relative of a member, etc.
6. (Optional) If there are any exceptional circumstances about your life, education, or career plans that you would like the committee to consider, please explain.

Mail to:

St. James Episcopal Church

Attn: Sarah M. Wales Scholarship Committee

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