

# **Vernah Wright Munson Memorial Scholarship**

## **Origin of the Munson Scholarship**

The Vernah Wright Munson Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 through a bequest of Marilyn Munson who left a portion of her estate to the Kensington Congregational Church (KCC) to create a scholarship fund in memory of her mother, Vernah Munson. Its purpose is to assist members of the church or their children who are seeking higher education through an accredited college, university, seminary, or other institution of higher education.

## **Governing Body of the Scholarship Committee** (5 members)

Minister of Kensington Congregational Church  
Chair or member of Deacons  
Chair or member of Trustees  
Chair or member of Christian Faith Formation  
A KCC member designated by the Church Committee

## **Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be considered for the Munson Scholarship, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

- Be a member or child of a member of the Kensington Congregational Church
- Be matriculated or accepted to attend an accredited college, university, seminary or other institution of higher education (including graduate or professional study)
- Demonstrate service to the church, school, and/or community
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)

## **Selection Criteria**

- Complete, and deliver to the church office, the application form (and supporting documents as outlined below) by 12:00 NOON, May 1, 2024 (NOTE: All applications and other documents submitted shall become the property of KCC and will not be returned. Applicants should keep copies for their own records.)
- Provide a most recent official transcript (high school or college)
- Provide a letter(s) of recommendation from a teacher or mentor
- Provide a letter of acceptance from the institution the applicant is planning to attend
- Provide a copy of the financial aid award notice from that institution, if applicable
- Preference is given to those students interested in pursuing the study of religion or Christian ministry
- Financial need may be considered in reviewing the candidate pool

## **Terms of the Award**

The Vernah Wright Munson Scholarship(s) is made in the form of a grant which does not need to be repaid. The selected recipient will be notified in early June of the committee's decision. Funds will be disbursed once the student provides proof of matriculation. The decision of the selection committee shall be sole and final.

## **Renewal of Awards**

The Vernah Wright Munson Scholarship may be automatically renewed for up to a total of four years of undergraduate study, or in the case of graduate study, up to three years, providing the student maintains satisfactory progress (including maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or greater). Leave of absence or transfers to another institution must meet with the approval of the committee before an award can be renewed.

**IMPORTANT:** Renewal candidates must submit a copy of their Academic Transcript each year, by August 1<sup>st</sup>

If you have any questions concerning the eligibility guidelines or the application process, please direct them to the Minister of Kensington Congregational Church at 860-828-4511.

# Vernah Wright Munson Memorial Scholarship Application

**Application Deadline: 12:00 Noon, May 1, 2024\***

(\*Must be delivered to the church office: 312 Percival Avenue, Kensington, CT 06037)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's High School \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE: In responding to the questions below, you are not limited to the space provided on this form. Please attach any additional sheet(s) necessary to provide a full response. If you do so, please indicate the number of the question to which you are responding.***

1. Applicants who have completed high school please list post-high school educational background including institution of highest level of education attained

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2. College or Higher Education Institution applicant plans to attend.

3. Did you submit an essay as part of your application to this institution? \_\_\_\_\_  
**If yes, please provide a copy.**

4. Financial Aid received to date (grants, work study, scholarships- from whom and amounts):

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5. Have or will you apply for any loans? – from whom and amounts?

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6. Do you plan to live at school or commute from home? \_\_\_\_\_

7. a. Please list KCC-related activities in which you have participated:

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7. b. Please describe how your participation has added meaning to your life.

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8. a. Please describe any school/community-related activities in which you have participated:

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8.b. Please describe how any one or more of these activities have helped you to better understand yourself and/or others.

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9. Please state: Any academic major or program you intend to pursue, and any professional or career goals.

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10. Please provide a brief statement (500 words or less) that explains – if you have not already done so in response to previous questions – why you feel particularly qualified to be a recipient of a Munson Scholarship Award.

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11. Please describe any other circumstances you feel relevant to your application:

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