

First Congregational Church of Holliston, UCC



SKIDMORE EDUCATION FUND

2026 Scholarship Application Instructions – Deadline: JUNE 1, 2026

The First Congregational Church of Holliston offers the Skidmore Educational Fund Scholarship as one-time grant to one (1) recipient each year to assist with costs associated with continuing education.

We encourage applications from graduating high school seniors who have a demonstrated connection to The First Congregational Church of Holliston, either through active membership in the church, or as a non-member through active participation with The First Congregational Church of Holliston.

The church will award one annual Skidmore Educational Fund Scholarship of \$1,000 based on the decision of its evaluation committee and contingent upon verified enrollment in an official program.

Eligibility:

- Scholarship applicants must be in their senior year of high school and must be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in an accredited post-secondary degree-granting or certificate-granting program.
- Applicants who have taken some time off and are newly enrolled in an accredited post-secondary degree-granting or certificate-granting program are also eligible to apply.

The recipient will be chosen by an evaluation committee appointed by the church and based upon their application responses, including a brief essay of 250-300 words and an extracurricular activity list/resume.

The scholarship recipient will be selected based on a variety of factors at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. These include but are not limited to:

- Active membership or participation in First Congregational Church of Holliston (FCC)
- Service to the FCC and/or wider community
- Intention to pursue a mission-driven degree or career
- Extracurricular achievement
- Leadership
- Academic merit

NOTE: Scholarship applicants must immediately notify the Skidmore Scholarship Committee of changes regarding their application after submission.

- 1) All information in the application will be maintained as personal and confidential except for descriptive information that may be shared in the church newsletter or during a scholarship award presentation.
- 2) The Skidmore Scholarship award can be paid directly to the awardee, to the awardee's parent/guardian, or to the awardee's/educational institution.
- 3) We would like to recognize the awardee during a Sunday worship service at First Congregational Church of Holliston, if schedules permit.
- 4) The committee will do its best to respond to all inquiries promptly.

Applicants must submit their completed application and supporting materials by: **JUNE 1, 2026**, regardless of whether they have posed a question or received an answer. Submit relevant questions to the Skidmore Fund Scholarship Committee at endowment@hollistonucc.org. **The committee will reply to confirm receipt of the application, but it is the Applicant's responsibility follow-up by the deadline if no acknowledgement was received.**

Instructions for Submitting Completed Scholarship Applications

- 1) **Complete and sign the scholarship application form:** The form may either be typed, printed out and neatly hand-written, or completed as fillable PDF form with electronic signature.
- 2) **Prepare the additional materials:** Typed 250-300 word essay and resume listing academic, extracurricular, and community service activities. (Additional details are contained in the application form.)

To submit the applications via email:

Send via email to endowment@hollistonucc.org with the subject header: "Skidmore Fund Scholarship Application for (Insert Applicant's Name)" and attach the completed application and additional materials. Please submit attachments rather than sending the responses in the body of the email.

To submit the application by mail (or drop off in person):

Skidmore Fund Scholarship
Attn: Endowment Committee
First Congregational Church
725 Washington Street

Holliston, MA 01746

All applications and materials must be post-marked or received by 5:00 PM EST on JUNE 1, 2026. A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant once the application has been received. The applicant bears the responsibility to confirm that the Committee has received their application.

Selection/Notification of Scholarship Awards

Scholarship award recipients will be notified via email by July 1, 2026. The Scholarship Committee retains the sole discretion to award scholarships based on eligibility and the stated selection criteria.

For More Information

Any questions regarding the application and/or process should be directed to the Skidmore Educational Fund Scholarship Committee
[**endowment@hollistonucc.org**](mailto:endowment@hollistonucc.org)



**First Congregational Church of Holliston, MA
Skidmore Education Fund Scholarship Application - 2026**



PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Name of High School and Graduation Year: _____

Name of College/University or Program you will be attending: _____

When will you start or continue this program (which term/year)? _____

Parent/Guardian's Name and Contact Information (phone number & email address):

Make Scholarship Check Payable To: _____
(e.g.: Your Name or Parent/Guardian's Name and/or Institution)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*** All Skidmore Scholarship funds are expected to be spent on educational-related expenses, such as tuition, fees, and other related expenses typically required for enrollment or attendance at an eligible educational institution.*

What College, University, Junior College, Vocational, Business, Technical School or Certificate Program(s) are you planning to attend?

What is your intended field of study? _____

**PART II: INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOLASTIC, EXTRACURRICULAR,
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Please attach the following:

- 1) A copy of your acceptance from the post-secondary school or program you will attend during the upcoming academic year.
- 2) A resume that lists your academic, extracurricular, and community service activities. Be sure to include the years of participation, along with associated leadership roles, and awards (if applicable) for all activities.

PART III: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OR AFFILIATION

Are you a member of The First Congregational Church of Holliston?

_____ Yes _____ No

PART IV: PERSONAL ESSAY

All Applicants: The Scholarship Committee would like to get to know you better. Please submit a brief essay (250 – 300 words), to be typed and submitted on a separate piece of paper. Please describe yourself as an individual. (What do you like to do? What do you do to serve the community? What are your current educational goals and aspirations?) Please be sure to describe your involvement with The First Congregational Church of Holliston, and any special circumstances you would like us to be aware of. Please also describe how you plan to use this scholarship.

**The First Congregational Church of Holliston – Skidmore Education Fund Scholarship
APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST
TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE**

- ___ Completed application with required signatures**
- ___ College/University Program Acceptance Letter**
- ___ Resume or List of Academic/Leadership/Extracurricular Activities
and Awards**
- ___ Personal Essay (250-300 words, typed)**