

Westminster Church of Detroit
Berko Scholarship
Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am not a member of WCOD but I attend occasionally, am I eligible for the scholarship?

Yes, you may apply for the scholarship. The scholarship is available to members, “attenders,” and individuals that live within the neighborhood around WCOD. Please note, however that one of the categories in which applicants will be rated is their connectivity to the church. The stronger the connectivity, the higher the score in that category.

2. I have never attended church at WCOD but I went to Camp Westminster, am I eligible for the scholarship?

Unfortunately, applicants must be a member, “attender,” or an individual who lives within the neighborhood around WCOD. The scholarship is intended to help support the education of those individuals who are connected to the actual church or who live in close proximity.

3. I obtained information about this scholarship from my high school which is in the WCOD neighborhood but I do not live in the neighborhood nor do I attend WCOD. Am I eligible for the scholarship?

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4. Can I use this scholarship to attend an out-of-state college?

Yes, if awarded, the scholarship may be used at any accredited postsecondary institution. The location of the college, university, or training facility does not matter.

5. I received this scholarship last year, can I apply again this year?

Yes, previous awardees may apply for a subsequent scholarship. The scoring process is a bit different for reapplicants. In particular, the applicant’s grades during the previous year are reviewed and considered. Reapplicants must have maintained a 2.00 grade point average or greater during the previous year of school/training to be considered for a subsequent scholarship.

6. Does this scholarship help with graduate school expenses?

No, this scholarship may not be used for graduate school. The intent of the scholarship is to support education and training so that an individual may begin a productive career. We believe that if an individual has obtained an undergraduate degree, they are likely to have access to resources and/or employment that can help support continued education.

7. I am not going to a college or university but I am enrolled in a training program to become a certified nurse assistant (CNA). Can I use this scholarship for my training costs?

The intent of the scholarship is to support education and training so that an individual may begin a productive career. As such, the scholarship supports all types of postsecondary education, including trades school and vocational training programs in addition to the traditional college and university programs.

8. Can I use this scholarship to pay for my living expenses while I'm in college?

This scholarship is not intended to be used specifically for living expenses. The scholarship check will be written to both the school and the student. It will be applied to the education-related expenses including: tuition, room/board, books, supplies, and other education-related fees.

9. I have been accepted to more than one college/university, but I have not yet decided which one I will attend. Do I have to submit copies of all my acceptance letters, or must I decide before submitting my application?

If you are still undecided on what school you plan to attend, it is advisable to submit the acceptance letters for the schools you are considering. Part of the scoring process includes reviewing the school/program to ensure its accreditation. Also, keep in mind that if you are awarded a scholarship, we will need to know which school you plan to attend prior to preparing the scholarship check.