

Mark Keely Scholarship

The Mark Keely Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 in memory of Rev. Mark Keely, pastor of Fort Street Presbyterian Church from 1998-2006. The Session has established that a portion of the Fund will be distributed annually as scholarships to church members and friends of Fort Street who are graduating high school students, with plans to attend a college or university, or current students at any college or university. Preference will be given to church members.

Applicants must be high school seniors with plans to attend a college or university or current students at any college or university and meet at least ONE of the following:

- Member or regular attender of Fort Street
- Live or attend school in the following zip codes surrounding the church (48226, 48216, 48209, 48201, 48207, 48210, 48202, 48211)
- Member of a PCUSA church within the Presbytery of Detroit

To apply for a scholarship, please write a letter to:

Memorial Committee
c/o Operations Manager
Fort Street Presbyterian Church
631 West Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48226

In the letter, please include the following:

- Name and Contact information
- School Name and Student ID
- Planned Major or course of study
- Numbers of years as a Fort Street Member (if applicable)
- Church affiliation (if applicable)
- Zip code in which you live or attend high school (if applicable)
- Future plans
- Answer one of the two following questions:
 - How has faith, no matter the denomination or lack thereof, impacted and/or affected your life? Explain how you will apply this experience to your life.
 - Describe a challenge you have overcome. How did you manage to overcome this obstacle? What did you learn and how did you grow from it?
- Any other relevant information you choose to share

The applications will be received between May 18, 2026 and July 31, 2026. Scholarship recipients are typically notified by the end of August, and the scholarship money sent to the school by early September.

Letters may be mailed to the church at the address above or email to Alison Grosch, Operations Manager, at om@fortstreet.org.