

**The Pansy Duke Scholarship**  
**Administered by the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church**  
**Clemson, South Carolina**

**Scholarship Background:**

The Scholarship has been established by Ms. Pansy E. Duke, a longtime and faithful member of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, South Carolina. Pansy served Fort Hill as Director of Christian Education beginning in March 1981 until her final retirement as Parish Visitor in November 2015.

Pansy attended Montreat College (1956-1959), graduated from Flora MacDonald College in 1960. She then served as the youngest missionary without experience in the denomination teaching children of missionaries in Brazil. In 1965 she received her Masters of Christian Education degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. She served as Director of Christian Education and Youth Director in Presbyterian churches in Florence, SC, Morristown and Nashville, TN, and Tampa, FL. Her ministry at Fort Hill fostered faith in children, youth and young adults as well as all ages of adults through Christian educational programs in Clemson, at Montreat and on many retreats and mission trips. She played the key role in organizing the first "return to Bethlehem" in 1990. Her love of discipleship in Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Scholarship to provide for supporting persons seeking to live out their vocation in Christ.

The Scholarship is awarded annually to qualified individuals based on leadership, academic excellence, and the commitment to explore means to attain a life of faith-based servant leadership. All qualified individuals with exceptional leadership and faith-based service, including seminary-bound students, are encouraged to apply and will be equally considered.

Strong candidates will have demonstrated a commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and service to others. A limited number of awards are available each year. The Scholarship may be renewable provided a recipient is involved in meaningful ways in the life of the Church and in service to others and remains in good academic standing.

**Qualifications:**

- Active membership in a Presbyterian Church congregation or Presbyterian Student organization for at least the past two years
- Nomination/recommendation from a Presbyterian Church professional (minister or Christian education director), or a former or current officer (elder or deacon)
- Evidence of academic achievement
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in church, school, or community activities
- Evidence of service or ministry to others
- Evidence of need for financial support

**Applicants must provide the following information:**

1. Fill out the Pansy Duke Scholarship Application form.
2. Develop a statement of goals for how you plan to work toward attaining a life of faith-based servant leadership including past leadership and service-related activities.
3. Provide transcript from latest educational institution to demonstrate academic achievement.
4. Provide recommendation letter from Presbyterian Church professional or officer.
5. Develop statement of need based on your current financial situation and the cost for your educational goals.
6. Submit application with all documentation to the Discipleship Ministry of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

**Deadline to submit applications is January 10, 2025.**

Applications may be sent to: Discipleship Ministry  
101 Edgewood Ave.  
Clemson, SC 29631

or emailed to [discipleship@forthillchurch.org](mailto:discipleship@forthillchurch.org).

# THE PANSY DUKE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name and address of schools

Major

Date graduated and degree

High School

Major:

Undergraduate institution

Major:

Graduate institution

Major:

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## SIGNATURE

I attest the information provided in this packet is true.

Signature of applicant:

Date: