

# NOAH BECK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

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**BACKGROUND:** Noah Beck died from the results of a tragic automobile accident in the winter of 1998. Much beloved by a large number of the members of Pine Shores and son and brother of a family that is a valued and active part of the congregation, it is the will of the family and concurred to by the Staff and the Endowment Board that a Memorial Fellowship be established in memory of Noah Beck.

Memorial funds will be used to honor and recognize young people who are graduating seniors from High School, active in the life of Pine Shores and hold promise to be outstanding students throughout their college tenure including their quest for advanced degrees.

Noah Beck Memorial Fellowships are awarded in three categories:

1. For qualifying students in a college/university program leading to a Bachelor's degree,
2. For qualifying students receiving advanced college/university degrees in a Master's or Doctoral program and
3. For one qualifying student, selected annually, who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship excellence in the current academic year in a college/university program leading to a Bachelor's degree. This special recognition is made in the name of the Bob and Billie Martin Achievement Award.

**SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Students who wish to be considered for these fellowships must complete the appropriate application forms available at the church office. The completed applications, together with the required attachments, must be submitted to the Endowment Board by the deadline prescribed on the application.

The recipients of these fellowships shall be selected by the Staff, Endowment Board and concurred in by the Beck Family.

The awards are made based on the student's achievement of all of the criteria established for each of the award categories for which the student has applied.

**RECOGNITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FELLOWSHIPS:** The announcement and presentation of the Noah Beck Memorial Fellowship(s) in Categories 1 and 3 above (relating to studies leading to a Bachelor's degree) shall be made at an appropriate Worship Service just prior to the time that the recipient(s) depart for their collegiate studies. The president or representative of the Endowment Board shall make the actual presentation with a check for the appropriate amount, a printed certificate of award and, where applicable, bookplates.

The announcement and presentation of the Noah Beck Fellowships in Category 2 (relating to studies leading to advanced academic degrees) shall be made at a program similar to those for Categories 1 and 3 except that the awards shall be made at an appropriate time after the award of a Master's or a Doctoral degree.

**FUNDING SOURCES:** The annual Memorial Fellowship(s) shall be paid from the Noah Beck Memorial Fund held by the Endowment.

## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY BACHELOR'S DEGREE** **FELLOWSHIPS**

**CRITERIA:** The recipients of this award shall meet the following criteria:

- 1) The recipient must be a member of the Pine Shores Presbyterian Church and must be active in the life of the Church to the extent reasonably possible during the collegiate years.
- 2) Each recipient of an initial fellowship as an entering freshman in a college/university program must have graduated from high school with at least a 3.0 GPA. This GPA may be achieved either in the senior year of high school or as an average of the GPAs for all of the high school years.
- 3) The recipient must be enrolled in a college/university degree program that will lead to the award of a Bachelor's degree or, alternatively, the recipient must be enrolled in a community college program that will lead to the award of a Bachelor's degree by an associated college/university. The college/university awarding the Bachelor's degree must be accredited by an organization that has been approved by the U. S. Department of Education. (Reference: <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>).

- 4) The recipient must earn at least a 3.0 GPA based on a four-point grading system. This GPA may be achieved either in the previous academic year or as an accumulative average for all of the college/university years then completed.
- 5) The recipient must submit official transcripts verifying credits and GPA to the Endowment Board. Transcript charges, if any, shall be reimbursed to the recipients.
- 6) The recipient must be enrolled in the previous and forthcoming academic years as a full-time student pursuant to the requirements of that college/university.
- 7) The recipient may receive this award in any of the academic years of undergraduate study depending on the student's performance as outlined above.
- 8) Internships or semesters away from actual academic study are considered ineligible terms of study.
- 9) The recipient may also be enrolled in a five academic year double Bachelor's degree program in which the above requirements must be met. The double Bachelor's degrees must be in two different academic disciplines.

**FELLOWSHIP AWARDS:** The fellowship awards for those recipients who have met the criteria stated above shall be as follows for each individual so honored:

1st Academic or Freshman Year .....	\$500
2nd Academic or Sophomore Year.....	\$750
3rd Academic or Junior Year .....	\$1,000
4th Academic or Senior Year.....	\$1,500
5th Academic year (for a double Bachelor's degree .....	\$1,750

The awards in this category for each recipient shall not exceed \$3,750, in total, for a Bachelor's degree or \$5,500, in total, for a double Bachelor's degree.

It is suggested that these fellowship awards be used for the purchase of books for the recipients' library. Appropriate Book Plates acknowledging the award itself and stating that the books are purchased in memory of Noah Beck shall accompany the monetary award.

## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATE DEGREE FELLOWSHIPS**

An applicant should file an application for this award within 6 months of embarking on an advanced degree program. The recipient of a Master's degree may apply for a Doctoral degree fellowship.

**CRITERIA:** The recipient of this award shall meet the following criteria:

- 1) The recipient must be a member of the Pine Shores Presbyterian Church and must be active in the life of the Church to the extent reasonably possible during the collegiate years.
- 2) The recipient must have received a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university with at least a 3.0 GPA for the four years of study.
- 3) The advanced degree must be awarded by a college/university that has been accredited by an organization approved by the U. S. Department of Education. (Reference: <http://fope.ed.gov/accreditation/>).
- 4) The recipient is not necessarily required to attend the college/university full time. The recipient must be enrolled in a graduate degree program that will result in the award of a Master's degree within five years or in the award of a Doctoral degree within seven years of the completion of a Bachelor's degree.

**FELLOWSHIP AWARDS:** The fellowship awards for those recipients who have met the criteria stated above shall be as follows for each individual so honored:

\$1,000 is payable at the beginning of the first academic year in graduate school for either a Master's degree or a Doctoral degree.

An additional \$1,000 is payable at the successful completion of a Master's degree.

For graduate students enrolled in a five-year program leading to the simultaneous award of a Bachelor's and a Master's degree, an award of \$2,000 is payable at the beginning of the fifth academic year.

An additional \$3,000 is payable at the successful completion of a Doctoral degree.

The awards in this category for each recipient shall not exceed \$2,000, in total, for a Master's degree or \$4,000, in total, for a Doctoral degree.

## **BOB AND BILLIE MARTIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award is given to the college/university student who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship excellence in the current academic year of an undergraduate program. The academic year is defined as fall to spring, and grades from the summer term are excluded. A student may qualify for this award for up to four academic years.

**CRITERIA:** The recipient of this award shall meet the following criteria:

- 1) The recipient must be a member of the Pine Shores Presbyterian Church and must be active in the life of the Church to the extent reasonably possible during the collegiate years.
- 2) The recipient must be enrolled in a college/university degree program that will lead to the award of a Bachelor's degree. The college/university awarding the Bachelor's degree must be accredited by an organization that has been approved by the U. S. Department of Education. (Reference: <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>).
- 3) The recipient must earn at least a 3.0 GPA based on a four-point grading system.
- 4) The recipient must be enrolled full time pursuant to the requirements of that college/university.
- 5) The recipient must have the highest GPA of all Pine Shores students who have received Noah Beck Fellowships for the current academic year of an undergraduate program.
- 6) The recipient must submit official transcripts verifying credits and GPA to the Endowment Board. Transcript charges, if any, shall be reimbursed to the recipient.

**FELLOWSHIP AWARDS:** The Achievement Award for the recipient who has met the criteria stated above shall be \$500. In the event that a number of students have identical "highest GPAs", all shall receive this award.

## **ENDOWMENT BOARD REVIEW**

Every three years, beginning in 2017, the Board shall review the scope of academic programs in which Pine Shores students have been or are enrolled and shall also review the estimated number of recipients that are likely to receive Fellowship awards in the next three-year period. On that basis, the Board shall determine the adequacy of the Policy scope as well as the applicability of the amounts of Fellowships awards considering the financial viability of the Noah Beck Memorial Fellowship Fund at that time. Changes to the Policy shall be made as appropriate.

**APPLICATION SECTION FOLLOWS**

**APPLICATION**  
**NOAH BECK UNDERGRADUATE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS**  
**FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN OR 1st ACADEMIC YEAR**

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(name)

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(street address)

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(city, state, zip)

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(email address)	(telephone number)
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(college/university awarding Bachelor's degree)

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(applicant's current enrollment· community college/college/university)

Is applicant enrolled as a full-time student for the next academic year?    Y    N

Was the applicant's GPA in high school at least 3.0 for either the senior year or as a cumulative average of all of the high school years?    Y    N

**Note: Please attach the official transcript verifying credits and GPA**

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN JULY 10**



**APPLICATION**  
**NOAH BECK UNDERGRADUATE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS**  
**FOR ENTERING SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS OR**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> THROUGH 4<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC YEARS**

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(name)

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(street address)

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(city, state, zip)

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(email address)

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(telephone number)

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(college/university awarding Bachelor's degree)

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(applicant's current enrollment- community college/college/university)

Does applicant's college/university use four-point grading system?    Y    N

Was applicant enrolled in previous academic year as a full-time student?    Y    N

Is applicant enrolled as a full-time student for the next academic year?    Y    N

Was the applicant's GPA at least 3.0 for the previous academic year or as a cumulative average of all of the college/university years then completed?    Y    N

**Note: Please attach the official transcript verifying credits and GPA**

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**NO LATER THAN JULY 10**

**APPLICATION**  
**NOAH BECK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS**  
**FOR ENTERING 5<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOR BACHELORS OR BACHELORS/MASTERS DEGREES**

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(name)

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(street address)

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(city, state, zip)

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(telephone number)

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(degree to be awarded)

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(college/university awarding degree)

Does applicant's college/university use four-point grading system?    Y    N

Was applicant enrolled in previous academic year as a full-time student?    Y    N

Is applicant enrolled as a full-time student for the next academic year?    Y    N

Was the applicant's GPA at least 3.0 for the previous academic year or as a cumulative average of all of the college/university years then completed?    Y    N

**Note: Please attach the official transcript verifying credits and GPA**

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**NO LATER THAN JULY 10**

**APPLICATION**  
**NOAH BECK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS**  
**FOR ENTERING 5<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOR BACHELORS OR BACHELORS/MASTERS DEGREES**

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(name)

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(street address)

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(city, state, zip)

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(email address)

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(telephone number)

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(college/university awarding advanced degree)

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(applicant's advanced degree enrollment: i.e. Master's or Doctoral?)

In what year was the applicant's Bachelor's degree awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant expect to receive a Master's degree within 5 years or a  
Doctoral degree within 7 years of the completion of the Bachelor's degree?    Y    N

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF EMBARKING ON AN ADVANCED  
DEGREE PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION**  
**BOB AND BILLIE MARTIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
**FOR GRADUATING RECIPIENTS OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

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(name)

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(street address)

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(city, state, zip)

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(email address)                      (telephone number)

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(college/university awarding degree)

Does applicant's college/university use four-point grading system?    Y    N

Was applicant enrolled in previous academic year as a full-time student?    Y    N

Is applicant enrolled as a full-time student for the next academic year?    Y    N

Was the applicant's GPA at least 3.0 for the previous academic year or as a cumulative average of all of the college/university years then completed?    Y    N

**Note: Please attach the official transcript verifying credits and GPA**

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**NO LATER THAN JULY 10**

\*An applicant completing his/her freshman, sophomore or junior year  
or 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> academic years is not required to submit this application  
providing the applicant is already applying for Noah Beck Memorial Fellowship  
in this academic year.