

Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Eligibility

- a. Applicant must be a high school senior or an adult looking to continue their education.
- b. Applicants must be a member of one of the Episcopal churches in Harford County. They must plan to attend an accredited college/university or trade school program during the 2026-27 academic year in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or certification as specified by the application category.

1. Awards

- a. The number of scholarship opportunities and award amounts are dependent upon fundraising activities and are determined after the last event of the year by the Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship Executive Board.
- b. As of January 2026, applicants may be awarded a Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship one time.
- c. Winners will be announced in May and will be notified by phone or mail.
- d. Award money will be sent directly to the school of choice and is solely for the purposes of tuition, books, and fees.
- e. The award will be withdrawn if the recipient fails to enroll in an institution of higher learning within six months of receiving the award.
- f. Written verification on enrollment will be requested by the Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship Board and must be provided before funds will be released to the school of choice.

2. Selection Criteria

- a. The Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship is a volunteer, community-based organization. Therefore, Joan Hickey Kelly scholarships are primarily merit based. The following selection criteria are listed in order of importance:
 - *Community/Volunteer Activities
 - *Leadership Positions
 - *Essay
 - *Rector's Recommendation
- b. Complete anonymity of applicants will be preserved during the selection process.

3. Applicant Information:

- a. In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, applicants who sign the scholarship application are authorizing the Scholarship Chairperson to release copies of the scholarship application and other supporting data to the Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship Board as needed.
- b. Scholarship recipients agree to any Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship publicity (photos, newspaper announcements, etc.) related to the award.
- c. **Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2026.**