



## Centre Presbyterian Church

### Ava Lidell Gouger and James Craig Gudger Family Scholarship

#### Scholarship Guidelines

**The Ada Lindell Gouger and James Craig Gudger Family Scholarship** was founded by the children of Ada and James Gudger in recognition of the values and love they received from their parents. This annual scholarship can be used for a college education in any major field of study, but with a preference given to careers in health, medicine, or education.

If you are also applying for the Thomas Taylor Brantley and Margaret Rogers Brantley Scholarship for the same academic year, then you only need to complete and submit Parts 1 and 3 of the application as all other materials are identical.

The guidelines for qualification and application are listed below.

**Please complete the digital application (downloaded separately) and submit the following items along with your application:**

- Three letters of recommendation (letters of recommendation must include how long the person has known the applicant and in what context, as well as their title and organization). Letters of recommendation should be emailed directly to the Scholarship Committee, [Scholarships@thecenterchurch.org](mailto:Scholarships@thecenterchurch.org), with your name in the subject line.
  - One from your pastor or a church leader.
  - One from a person other than a family member (e.g., a church leader or member or an educator whom you have known for at least two years).
  - One from a person who is familiar with your academic achievements.
- An explanation of why you are applying for this scholarship and why you consider yourself a candidate for it. That should include a brief description of your Christian testimony.
- A copy of your most recent school transcript(s). If you are already in college or university, include both your high school transcript and your college or university transcript.
- A separate email directly from a parent approving and supporting the application if it is being submitted by a minor.

All application materials should be sent directly to [Scholarships@thecenterchurch.org](mailto:Scholarships@thecenterchurch.org)

**Guidelines for the Gouger-Gudger Scholarship:**

- These scholarships are awarded to active members of Centre Presbyterian Church who have been on the active roll for the previous calendar year.
- Applicants must have a current cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Applicants must have been active in service activities and events within the congregation and the community.
- Candidates may be interviewed online or in person by the Scholarship Committee.

**Past applicants and recipients**

Past applicants for and recipients of the Gouger-Gudger Scholarship may reapply for a second year of study.

Reapplicants who are not living at home while attending school should submit at least one recommendation from someone who is familiar with their continuing Christian commitment at their present location, such as a local pastor, campus chaplain, or campus fellowship leader.

**Amount of Scholarship**

Effective January 1, 2026, the Gouger-Gudger Scholarship will be \$1,500.00 (annually) and candidates may receive the scholarship twice.

**Key Dates**

- Applications for fall entrance may be submitted starting December 1 of the year before.
- All applications and associated materials must be received by March 31.
- Decisions regarding applications for the year will be made no later than April 30.

Inquiries can be directed to [Scholarships@thecenterchurch.org](mailto:Scholarships@thecenterchurch.org) or the office administrator at Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC, +1.704.664.3160.