



Centre Presbyterian Church

Margaret Cowan Music Scholarship

Guidelines

The Margaret Cowan Music Scholarship was established by the Session of Centre Presbyterian Church to honor Margaret Cowan for the thirty years of service as the church organist. The scholarship provides for an annual collegiate scholarship for a student pursuing a music degree.

In addition, this scholarship can provide for a reimbursement of 50% of expenses for instrumental and/or voice lessons for members of the church.

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, 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

Guidelines for the Margaret Cowan Music 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 be:
 - Pursuing a college degree in music, or
 - Enrolling in instrument or voice lessons.
- Candidates may be interviewed online or in person by the Scholarship Committee.

Past applicants and recipients

Past applicants for and recipients of the Margaret Cowan Music Scholarship may reapply as long as they remain full- or part-time students.

Amount of Scholarship

Effective January 1, 2026, the Margaret Cowan Music Scholarship is \$500.00 annually for full-time college students.

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 or the office administrator at Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC, +1.704.664.3160.