**Means Scholarship Policies and Procedures**

The Trustees will award one $3,000 Means Scholarship each year to the qualified applicant with the highest GPA.

In order to qualify, the applicant must:

1. be, and have been, a member of First Parish Church for at least 90 days prior to the application deadline; or be the child of someone who has been a member for at least 90 days prior to the application deadline
2. have a High School GPA of 2.7 or higher
3. have been accepted by a college or university that is accredited by an organization recognized by the US Department of Education
4. must be entering college as a freshman

In case of a tie (i.e. the two highest GPAs are within a tenth of a point from one another), the Trustees will award two $3,000 scholarships. However, no more than $6,000 will be awarded in one year. If there is a three-way tie, each student will receive $2,000.

If the student selected to receive this scholarship decides to defer college, the Trustees will hold the award for one year.

The scholarship will be awarded directly to the student, not to the college or university he/she will be attending.

The Trustees will publish news of the availability of the Means Scholarship each spring and will publish the name of the Means Scholarship winner in the Bell-Ringer.

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Financial Aid for College-Bound Members

First Parish Church has resources to help with college costs. Students who are themselves members of First Parish Church, as well as the children of church members, who will attend an accredited college or university next fall are invited to apply for the 2016-2017 Means Scholarship and/or a Hamilton Loan.

One Means Scholarship in the amount of $3,000 will be awarded to the applicant with the highest GPA over 2.7. In the event of a tie, two scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must have already been accepted by a college or university that is accredited by an organization recognized by the US Department of Education. If the student selected to receive the scholarship decides to defer college, the Trustees will hold the award for one year. Interested students should contact Jeanne Penvenne, chair of the Trustees, by mail or email by **June 1, 2016.** Please state the name of the college you will be attending next fall and your High School GPA. Please include a copy of your High School transcript. Also include a phone number where you can be reached and your home address.

Jeanne’s contact information is as follows:

Jeanne Penvenne

Jeanne.penvenne@gmail.com

or

162 Oak Street

Duxbury 02332

Qualified students (children of a church member, or church members themselves, who will be attending an accredited college or university in the fall) who are interested in receiving loans from the Hamilton Loan fund should contact Rudy Langner. The amount of any one loan will not exceed $2,500. Students and their parents will both be asked to sign promissory notes, agreeing to repay the loan within three years after graduating, or if they do not graduate, within one year after terminating their studies. The loans incur no interest if repaid on time. Loans not repaid on time will accrue interest. There is no deadline for applying for a Hamilton Loan.

Rudy's contact information is as follows:

Rudy Langner

rudylangner77@gmail.com

or

PO Box 816

Green Harbor, MA 02041

If you have questions, please contact any member of the Trustees: Rudy Langner, Peter Nappellio, Russ Pelham, Jeanne Penvenne, or Donna Savicki.

Trustees of First Parish Church

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