

# GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MATTHEW ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Greencastle Presbyterian Church (GPC), in honor of Matthew Anderson, is pleased to recognize a graduating senior who resides in the Greencastle-Antrim School District with a scholarship award.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson, a Greencastle native, lived from 1848-1928. He and his family worshipped with our congregation. Following the war, Rev. Anderson helped educate former slaves of the community in a mission school established by the Presbyterian Church. Graduating from Princeton in 1877, he was one of the first three African-Americans to attain such status. It is our hope, in the words of the late William Conrad, local historian and member of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church, that “the memory of this servant of God will continue to live through our Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund,” which is designed to aid those who require assistance in pursuing studies at a university, college, or vocational school. <https://greencastlemuseum.org/anderson-history>

## SELECTION PROCESS

The final selection is based on the judgment of sitting Mission Committee members and the pastor of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. The Committee will consider any applicant pursuing post high school education opportunities. The review process will begin no earlier than April 1 and be completed no later than May 15. All candidates will receive a mail response within three days of the decision.

- Applicants will remain anonymous to committee members.
- Applicants need to be active in their local Christian church.
- Applicant is limited to a graduating senior.
- Applicant must have applied to a college, university, vocational school, or certificate program and been accepted before scholarship is awarded.
- Applicant must provide the church with information for processing. Scholarship check is made payable to the educational institution. Deadline for use is December 31.
- Personal references which include both a school and church representative must be provided.
- School transcript must be included with the application.
- Applications should be neatly printed or typed and submitted with a cover letter.
- Applicant may be asked to attend an individual interview in person or virtually, scheduled at a mutually agreeable time; only if needed by the selection committee to make a decision.
- Awardees will be presented to the congregation of Greencastle Presbyterian Church during a Sunday Worship Service.

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications and related materials must be turned in to the guidance office or the office of Greencastle Presbyterian Church no later than **April 1**.



# Matthew Anderson Scholarship Application

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Application should be typed or printed neatly. Include the following with the application:

- ⇒ Two personal letters of recommendation (*one letter from a school representative and one letter from a church representative*)
- ⇒ Current official school transcript
- ⇒ Essay topic: please state your education goals; how this school will assist you in achieving these goals; and how Matthew Anderson's life story and principles will influence your future.

**Deadline for submitting application: April 1. Return application to school guidance office or mail to:  
Greencastle Presbyterian Church, 57 W. Baltimore Street, Greencastle, PA 17225  
website: visitGPCpa.org • email: gpc.office17225@gmail.com**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Plan:

Name of college/vocational school/certificate program:

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Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

Date attendance beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities and Awards:

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Church Activities:

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Community Activities:

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Work and/or Volunteer Experience:

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_