

**THE ALVIN J. AND MARGARET J. VAN DER BOGART  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
115 St. Peter's Street  
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

## THE ALVIN J. AND MARGARET J. VAN DER BOGART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Alvin J. and Margaret J. Van der Bogart Memorial Scholarship in the amount of approximately \$28,000 will be awarded in the spring of each year to assist in or provide for the higher education of a young man or woman resident of Wicomico County. In addition to the residence requirement, the applicant must have an unweighted Grade Point Average of 3.5 or more at the high school or the college in which the applicant is currently attending, and must have applied for admission to a college or university as a full-time student. The Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, Maryland, with the assistance of an advisory committee, will select as the recipient of the Memorial Scholarship that young person who, among the applicants, has best shown academic capabilities for higher education and who best embodies the principles of Christian ideals and living.

The recipient of the Alvin J. and Margaret J. Van der Bogart Memorial Scholarship shall be chosen on the basis of merit from among all of the applicants, and not need. If the qualified applicants are relatively equal in their merits, preference will be given to a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Applications are to be submitted to the Rector of St. Peter's Church. The Van der Bogart Scholarship shall be awarded for one year at a time, but may be awarded to the same individual for as many as four consecutive years.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete, print out and return the application form, including the two essays.
2. Submit transcripts from school(s) you are currently attending
3. Submit three letters of recommendation
4. Submit Test Scores-official report of SAT, ACT, AP National Tests taken

The deadline for submission of the completed application, transcripts and letters of recommendation is **April 9, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.** The application must be physically received by this deadline, sent to:

The Alvin J. and Margaret J. Van der Bogart Memorial Scholarship  
c/o The Rector  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
115 St. Peter's Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801



**Name and address of high school or college presently being attended (if you are attending high school and taking college courses list both schools):**

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**Transcripts**

*Note: Arrange to have official transcripts of high school and/or college work sent to the Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church or attach them to the application. If the applicant is a high school senior, the high school transcript showing all four years' work should be sent. If the applicant is an undergraduate at a college or university, the complete high school record and the college transcripts showing the work completed to date should be sent. If the applicant is completing a baccalaureate program and is pursuing graduate study next year, only the complete college transcript should be sent. The transcript should clearly indicate that the applicant's unweighted G.P.A. is 3.5 or higher to qualify for consideration.*

**List below the names of colleges to which you have applied, program in which you are interested, and the dates of acceptance (if known). If you have a preferred college, indicate that with a check:**

✓ College/University	Program of Interest	Acceptance Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Examination Scores:**

*If the applicant is intending to pursue an undergraduate degree, official reports of the Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and/or other standard scores must be attached to this application and indicated below. If the applicant is applying for graduate school, the official report of the Graduate Record Examination scores (or similar examination results) must be attached and indicated below.*

Test	Score	AP National Tests	
SAT	_____	Subject: _____	Score: _____
ACT	_____	Subject: _____	Score: _____
GRE	_____	Subject: _____	Score: _____
Other: _____	_____	Subject: _____	Score: _____
		Subject: _____	Score: _____

**List extracurricular activities and/or volunteer activities and the positions you have held in these activities (attach an additional sheet if necessary):**

Position Held	Specific Activities Undertaken	Beginning Date	Ending Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**List the name and address of any employers and describe your duties as an employee for any position you have held during the last three years:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no,: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no,: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no,: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESUME: An applicant may attach a resume that contains the information above.**

**Three letters of reference must be attached to this application. At least one letter is to comment on your proven academic capabilities for higher education and at least one letter is to comment on your commitment to the principles of Christian ideals and living a Christian life. Reference letters must be from individuals not related to you. List here the names, addresses and positions of the authors of these three letters of reference:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

## Christian Character

The founder of the Alvin J. and Margaret J. Van Der Bogart Memorial Scholarship placed emphasis on the scholarship recipient being of good Christian Character. Please let us know something about your Christian experiences in your life.

Are you currently a member of a church or Christian community? \_\_Yes \_\_No; If yes please provide name, location and number of years attending.

Name of Church or Christian community: \_\_\_\_\_

Location\_\_\_\_\_

Years attended: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were a member of other churches or Christian communities prior to the one above or in past years, please list them below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any roles or ministries you have been involved in your church or Christian community:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any other involvement or experiences that you believe contribute to your Christian Character (you may use additional pages if needed):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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*Write an essay (500 words or less) on the topic listed below, and submit in the space provided. Note: both brief essays must be submitted in order for the application to be considered.*

**HOW DO YOU EXPECT YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION TO CHALLENGE YOU  
AND/OR CHANGE YOU?**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Write an essay (500 words or less) on the topic listed below, and submit in the space provided. Note: both brief essays must be submitted in order for the application to be considered.*

**WHAT EXPERIENCES IN YOUR LIFE REFLECT THE TEACHINGS AND LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST?**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, Maryland and such others as the Rector may authorize to advise the Rector on the selection of the Alvin J. and Margaret J. Van der Bogart Memorial Scholarship to discuss my application with the references listed and to verify the accuracy of the information I have submitted. The Rector (or the Rector's designee) is authorized to contact named individuals directly to request written confirmation of the information included in this application.

I further certify that I am a qualified applicant for the Alvin J. and Margaret J. Van der Bogart Memorial Scholarship in that (1) I am a resident of Wicomico County, (2) I have a current unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater at the school I am currently attending, (3) I have applied to at least one institution of higher learning which I intend to attend next year as a full-time student, and (4) all information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

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Date

## **CHECKLIST**

*The following must be part of your scholarship application*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts from high school, college coursework
- \_\_\_\_\_ Test Scores – Official Reports
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Completed Essays