

The William and Alice Hinckley Fund Application for the Scholarship Program 2026–2027

The William and Alice Hinckley Fund scholarships will be awarded, primarily to graduate students from the Bay Area, for study during 2026–2027 academic year. Financial need, career plans reflecting humanitarian concern, and good academic work are given priority by the selection committee. Applicants chosen for final consideration will be interviewed by members of the scholarship committee. The Scholarship Committee may limit the number of scholarships awarded to students following the same career paths. The Hinckley Fund requires that students who have been awarded a scholarship make a midterm report by December 15 and a final report by June 15 to the Hinckley Fund.

Application deadline: 5 pm March 31, 2026. Electronic submission is preferred.

Name _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____
Email _____
Address _____
City, _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Academic History

Please send the Scholarship Committee a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript.

Last level of school completed _____ Date of completion _____

Proposed course of continued study _____

At what school will you be studying? _____

What degree(s) are you working for? _____

When do you expect to complete the degrees? _____

Please list schools you have attended, beginning with high school. Include dates and degrees received.

Financial Plan and Work History

Please indicate your anticipated budget for next year.

Known income:

Savings _____

Loans _____

Grants _____

Work _____

Family _____

Other _____

(explain) _____

TOTAL _____

Expenses:

Housing & food _____

Dependents _____

Transportation _____

Medical _____

Tuition _____

TOTAL _____

May we publish your name and mid-term and final report? [] Yes, [] No

List your employment history including the job, dates, where, and for whom you worked.

Essay

Please answer the following questions on another page. A half page of single-spaced type for each question is usually sufficient.

- + **Why do you need a scholarship?**
- + **What do you see as the social (humanitarian) impact of your planned career?**

Return the first page of this form along with your histories, financial plan, essays, and unofficial transcripts attached for receipt by 5 pm March 31, 2026. **DO NOT INCLUDE THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** Send to:

Hinckley Scholarship Program
c/o First Unitarian Universalist
Society of San Francisco
1187 Franklin St.
San Francisco, CA 94109-6893

OR email to Lucy Smith at:
lhsmith.630@gmail.com

Information on the William and Alice Hinckley Scholarships

- The William and Alice Hinckley Scholarships are part of a charitable trust established in 1876, The William and Alice Hinckley Fund. The will of Captain William Hinckley directed that a scholarship be given “to some worthy, talented, industrious, and needy young man who is pursuing liberal studies either in the University of the State, or any other school...” Since then the program has been expanded to include women.

To honor Captain Hinckley’s intent, preference is given to candidates whose career plans are directed toward humanitarian goals. While a candidate’s connection with First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco or other Unitarian Universalist institutions may be given some consideration, race, sex, sexual orientation, physical limitations, age, and religious preference are not to be used as excluding criteria. The number of applicants for the scholarships has required the Scholarship Committee to limit applications to those living in the nine Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma).

Applications must include a copy of your most recent unofficial transcripts. Successful applicants will be interviewed by at least one member of the Hinckley Scholarship Committee; therefore, it is incumbent upon the applicant to provide contact information. Providing corrections and updates of correct contact information is required to receive scholarship grants.

Students who have been awarded a scholarship must make a midterm report to the Hinckley Fund by December 15 and a final report by June 15 as stipulated by the IRS.

Applications must be received by 5 pm March 31, 2026.