

**First Parish United Church of Christ, Congregational
Somersworth, New Hampshire**

**The Javan Mason Russell and Edith LeGros Russell
Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Purpose: This fund was established by Miss Harriet Bates Russell in 1997 in memory of her parents, Javan Mason Russell and Edith LeGros Russell, "because my parents treasured and encouraged education."

Miss Russell provided the following information in setting up this perpetual trust: "Edith Russell was born in 1872 in Great Falls (now Somersworth). She graduated from Boston University in the 1890's. My father, Javan Russell was born in South Paris, Maine in 1858. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut. They were married in Somersworth in 1905. My mother was active in the civic community and, among other activities served as president of the Somersworth Woman's Club. Before entering the lumber business, my father taught school in several locations and served as a principal to the Somersworth High School. They were both active members of the Somersworth Methodist Church."

While we anticipate that this fund will have other gifts added to it, it was Miss Russell's sincere wish that recipients of the scholarship monies generated from the original gift realize they are receiving a scholarship in honor of her parents.

The Scholarship Award: Each recipient will receive a one-time, non-recurring award, disbursed directly to the recipient. The amount of the scholarship will be determined just prior to the awarding of the scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria: This scholarship is for active covenant members of First Parish Church who are pursuing a post-secondary education in a college or university.

Application Process: Return the completed application to Mike Watman (in person or by mail to 32 Lil Nor Avenue, Somersworth, NH 03878). All application information will remain confidential. The committee's goal is to award this scholarship before the end of June. Completed applications must be received no later than May, 31st.

Russell Scholarship Committee members Kathy Latchaw, Luise Watman, and Mike Watman will evaluate applications and select the recipients without input or influence. This scholarship will be awarded at the committee's discretion only. It is solely the recipient's responsibility to notify and disclose the amount of this award to any other scholarship issuing entity where required.

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This scholarship is sponsored on behalf of the *Russell Scholarship Fund*, by First Parish United Church of Christ, Somersworth, NH. For consideration, please complete the information requested and return to the Russell Scholarship Committee no later than **May 31st**.

Name: _____

Address: _____
No. and Street City/Town State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

School presently attending: _____

GPA (if available): _____

Degree or Field of Study to be pursued: _____

At what college/university: _____

Why have you chosen this program: _____

Group participation (church, scholastic, etc.) _____

I agree that any funds awarded will be used directly for the educational purpose as stated in this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Attach any additional information/recommendations and include your name on each page submitted.