

## **Risden P. Reece Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. Who is eligible for the scholarship?**

**A:** Applicants must:

- Be pursuing a degree in Divinity at an accredited college or university in North Carolina. Preference is given to applicants to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC.
- Demonstrate academic achievement.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate traits of high personal character and leadership.

**Additional Desired Qualifications:**

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Intention after graduation to enter work in the field of Christian service.

**Q. How do I apply?**

**A:** Interested applicants may apply online at [www.csascholars.org/ereece](http://www.csascholars.org/ereece).

**Q: How are applications submitted?**

**A:** Applications must be submitted online via the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) portal. There are three steps to complete and submit the application:

1. Set up an account through the portal.
2. Login to the account and complete the application. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CSA. Applicants should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Mail in any additional required materials. See list below.

**Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?**

**A:** A complete application package includes the following:

- Official transcript with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest Spring semester.
- Student Authorization and Acknowledgements Form, found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- Personal statement/essay:
  - Submit a one-page signed personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to you. Include your college and career plans.
- List of academic honors, leadership skills, community service, etc.
- Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- A completed W-8 or W-9 IRS Form, as applicable. This form must be completed by the applicant.

**Note:** Each item should include both the applicant's name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

**Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?**

**A:** The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **January 23, 2023**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be mailed must be mailed to CSA no later than **January 23, 2023** and should be mailed in one package.

**Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?**

**A:** The amount of scholarship awards may vary.

**Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?**

**A:** Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

**Q: What school may I attend?**

**A:** Must plan to attend full-time any accredited public or private school in North Carolina, offering a degree in Divinity, provided the institution meets the following requirements:

The institution must be an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly conducted. To the extent the institution is involved in the selection of the recipients (if at all), that involvement must comply with the Scholarship Program's policy of awarding scholarships on an objective and non-discriminatory basis as well as the Scholarship Program's Conflict of Interest Policy.

**Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?**

**A:** All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

**Q: Is this scholarship renewable?**

**A:** This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.