

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine

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Reverend Randall Hilton Scholarship Application 2026

Introduction:

Begun in 2010 with a gift honoring the memory of Reverend Randall Hilton who served the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine in the 1930's, this scholarship offers financial assistance for individuals continuing their education. Graduating high school seniors and non-traditional (older) students are eligible. Scholarships are to be used for any higher education facility, continuing education, technical training, or any other endeavor to gain proficiency or expand one's knowledge in a chosen subject.

Successful candidates will be selected by a committee of the Governing Board of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine. The Scholarship Committee may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidates of sufficient merit. In exceptional circumstances, a scholarship may be shared, and a personal interview may be requested. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to determine the amount of each scholarship given, which will generally be in amounts from \$500.00 to \$1000.00.

Several scholarships will be offered in 2026 and will be awarded in June 2026 for use during the 2026-27 academic year. Applicants are invited to reapply in subsequent years.



Instructions:

There are three required parts to an application for the Rev. Hilton Scholarship. Applicants must complete the attached **Application Form** and return it, along with the **essay**, and either **proof of 2026 admission** to an accredited institution of higher education or other official details of admission with regard to intended coursework to the above address.

1. Essay - this essay is mandatory, and must address one of the following two options.

Option 1: Explain why you would like to further your education or training in your chosen subject.

Option 2: Discuss how you, in the future, using your new educational experiences, hope to affirm and promote **any one** of the Unitarian Universalist's seven principles for living, which are:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth ;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The Committee will only accept essays on the above two topics. Other topics will not be considered for the scholarship.

Maximum length: 2 pages.

2. Application Form - Please answer all questions. Failure to do so may jeopardize your chance of success.

3. Proof of Admission - Applicants must either provide proof of 2026 admission to an accredited institution of higher education or other official details of admission with regard to intended coursework. Do not send any registration materials, other scholarship awards, or FAFSA information as we cannot guarantee it will be returned.

The completed essay, application, and proof of admission may be mailed to:

Scholarship @ UUCS, P.O. Box 520, Castine, ME 04421

Or emailed to: office@uucastine.org

(emails must include all three application requirements or they will not be considered)

The deadline is April 3, 2026

Reverend Randall Hilton Scholarship 2026 Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email : _____

EDUCATION

High School: _____

Graduation date _____

Secondary or Technical School(s) and degree(s) if any: _____

FUTURE EDUCATION INTENTIONS (for the fall of 2026): _____

COURSE OF STUDY, IF KNOWN, AND REASONS, IF RELEVANT _____

PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in the application is used solely for assessing your application for the Reverend Randall Hilton Scholarship. The information will be made available to the members of the Scholarship Committee for review. The application of the successful candidates will be stored in a secure place. Unsuccessful applications will be destroyed.

Applicant's signature

Date