

# Sara Bernice Moseley Scholarship Application for Presbyterian Students



Austin College Sara Bernice Moseley Scholarships for Presbyterian Students are awarded to incoming students who are members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and have achieved distinction both in the classroom and in service to others. The Moseley Presbyterian Scholarship is renewable annually as long as the recipient remains a full-time student in good academic standing and is active in ministry or service.

## Basis for Consideration

The Scholarship Committee will consider candidates based on the following:

- Active membership in a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation for at least the past two years
- Nomination/recommendation from a Presbyterian Church (USA) professional (minister or Christian education director), a former or current officer (elder or deacon), or an Austin College trustee or graduate who is a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) [form enclosed]
- Evidence of academic achievement
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by involvement in church, school, or community activities
- Evidence of service or ministry to others

## The Selection Process

Applicants for institutional scholarships must submit their general admission application by the Early Action II deadline: February 1. Applicants should also complete this scholarship application and recommendation and submit it by **February 1**.

Recipients will be notified by the Office of Admission by mid-March and should accept/decline the award offer by May 1.

Through Austin College's Activators program, students have the opportunity to participate in Presbyterian Church youth ministry during their college years. Numerous religious student organizations provide opportunities for spiritual growth and involvement. Many faiths are well represented in the Austin College student body.

## About Sara Bernice Moseley

In 1995, the Austin College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the creation of a scholarship program for outstanding Presbyterian students, to honor Sara Bernice Moseley. Mrs. Moseley was a significant member of the Austin College community and a leader in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for decades.

A lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, she served local congregations in many roles before becoming, in 1978, the first woman ever elected moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA. She was instrumental in the 1983 reunion of the two major branches of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Moseley, whose husband Dr. John D. Moseley served as president of Austin College from 1953 to 1978, remained a beloved and active member of the Austin College community until her death in 2013.

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*Austin College reserves the right to change on an annual basis the types, number, criteria, or values of scholarships. In addition to the General Academic Scholarships awarded each year, Austin College has a limited number of institutional scholarships that require separate applications or nominations. A new student may apply for an unlimited number of institutional scholarships. However, a student may receive only one institutional award in addition to the general academic scholarship. For a student receiving financial assistance, a merit-based award may replace in whole or in part a need-based grant or loan.*

Austin College welcomes applications for admission from all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age, sexual orientation, religion, physical handicap, or national and ethnic origin. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992, Austin College will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of its students with disabilities.



**Nomination/Recommendation  
Sara Bernice Moseley Scholarship**

**DEADLINE: February 1**

**Part I – For Scholarship Applicant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*

High School/College You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbyterian Church (USA) You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name City*

I have been a member for \_\_\_\_\_ years. If less than two years, of what other Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name City*

**Part II – For the Person Nominating/Recommending the Applicant**

The Austin College Scholarship Committee asks that your nomination/recommendation be prepared on a separate sheet by addressing the four criteria below, citing specific examples for each to illustrate the candidate's merits.

- Discuss the candidate's leadership qualities, personal character, and achievements. Please be as specific as you can in describing your experiences with the candidate that demonstrate her or his leadership abilities.
- How has this candidate been involved in the life of the Presbyterian Church (USA) both within and beyond the local congregation?
- Discuss the candidate's service to others.
- Is there any additional information about the candidate that you believe will help the Scholarship Committee?

**Please also include:**

- Signature
- Printed name
- Address
- Phone, Email
- Church congregation
- Connection to the Presbyterian Church and/or this student (i.e. minister, church officer, Austin College graduation year or years attended, Trustee, etc.)

**Mail Application and Recommendation to:**

Sara Bernice Moseley Scholarship Committee  
Austin College Office of Admission  
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Sherman, Texas 75090