

Agreement of Understanding

My Commitment Regarding the Hope Scholars Initiative at Hope Presbyterian Church at Lake Nona

2024

I, _____, submit my essay about one of the four prescribed topics of intersection between life and faith as application for a modest “Hope Scholarship” from Hope Presbyterian Church.

I understand that (check each statement to confirm your understanding):

- _____ I’m affirming that Hope Presbyterian is my (or one of my parent’s) primary faith community
- _____ my essay must contain no names or explicitly identifying personal information (though I may reference intended course of study and/or potential career). It will be assigned a number -- so that evaluations (by a panel of men and women who do not have a student in contention) may be as bias-free as possible
- _____ all applicants who meet the criteria (described in the Hope Scholars handout) will receive a proportional percentage of the fund, though the writer of one particularly strong essay may receive an additional amount
- _____ these funds are offered as an act of grace and not as a reward for attendance, service or personal connections
- _____ others, who seem less “deserving,” will receive as much or possibly more than I do
- _____ one student selected with administrators at Oak Ridge High School, an at-risk school in east Orange County, and another student at Lake Nona High will receive a proportional share of the fund without submitting an essay or having any connection to Hope Presbyterian
- _____ the amount I receive may be negligible, since the church has no way to guarantee the total of designated offerings or pre-determine the number of applicants who attend Hope (or have a parent who attends Hope) an average of once a month each quarter

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this information and will seek to bear witness to grace at every juncture with regard to this gift toward my education.

Signature

Date

Submit this completed form with a copy of your essay (with no name) – either by email to nancygraham.ogne@gmail.com or in person on Easter morning to a designated clerk – and you will be assigned a number, which must appear on the paper.