



Dear Member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church Family:

The Christian Education Committee of Pilgrim Congregational Church is pleased to announce the availability of the Debra Hemeon Memorial Scholarship to be awarded in June, 2020. The Scholarship is awarded to a Pilgrim Church high school senior or adult learner who plans to matriculate to college, community college or trade school.

In 2018, the scholarship was re-dedicated in honor of Debra Hemeon. Debra was born and raised in Harwich and the Pilgrim Church, attending Sunday School with perfect attendance, and active in the Youth Fellowship. She traveled the world in the US Navy and returned to Harwich when she retired from serving her country. Debra promoted the role of Pilgrim Church in developing and supporting children and youth, even as she became weakened by illness.

The application for the Debra Hemeon Memorial Scholarship can be found at the end of this document. The Committee awards the scholarship to individuals who have demonstrated involvement in the church, in their schools, and in their communities. Prospective students who anticipate applying for the Scholarship should consider the opportunities for involvement at Pilgrim Church that are available in the 2019-20 school year, listed at the end of this letter including contact information.

Awards are announced in June, 2020. Upon successful completion of the first semester of study the student will receive the funds. Proof of completion of coursework, such as a grade report, will be required.

Potential applicants who have questions or seek more information can contact Heidi Nelson at heidirnelson@aol.com, or 774-353-6806.

Yours in the fellowship of Christ at Pilgrim Congregational Church,

Heidi Nelson, Christian Education Committee

Examples of Church and Community Related Volunteer Opportunities

- Help Habitat for Humanity by building, painting and filling bookshelves for families, or providing snacks or meals at worksites
- Make deliveries of flowers or gifts to nursing homes at the direction of the church office
- Assist in serving a meal at the Faith Family Kitchen
- Volunteer to help with a church clean-up day
- Volunteer at a summer or Christmas stroll
- Helping out at the Thrift Store
- Other ideas that you have, bring them on!

For information on how to get involved, please contact Deb Larsson at deb.larsson@pcchp.org or 508-432-1668.



DEBRA HEMEON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Return to the Pilgrim Congregational Church office by May 1, 2020

Date:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Parent/Guardian:

Years active at Pilgrim Church:

High School Attended/Graduation Year:

College or Training Major or area of work/study, if decided:

Expected first semester or course completion date:

Volunteer Activities/Involvement at Pilgrim Congregational Church:

-
-
-
-

Personal Essay

Please write and attach a short essay (no more than 300 words) about your involvement at Pilgrim Church, at school and in your community, and how it reflects Debra's love for Harwich and her church.

About Debra:

Debra Lynn Hemeon was a Harwich girl, born here in 1959, and attending Sunday School at Pilgrim Congregational Church with perfect attendance for 12 years. She was active in the Youth Fellowship, including community service, fund-raisers and social events. Debra studied political science and the Russian language at UMass and then joined the US Navy where she served as a linguist for 20 years. Debra traveled widely and made friends all over the world as she learned about their cultures. When she retired from the Navy, she returned to Cape Cod and enjoyed a second career promoting the arts, the environment, animal protection, and working in the schools. She also returned to Pilgrim Church. One of her goals was to develop a welcoming and safe environment for each child to develop as an individual. She thrust that vision forward in developing Pilgrim Church's after school program, even as she became weakened by illness. Pilgrim Church is delighted to present scholarship gifts in her name.