**CLASS OF ‘72 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP, For 2025-2026**

Members of Harding University’s Class of ‘72 established an endowed fund for the purpose of providing one or more scholarships each year for freshmen at Harding who are descendants of former Harding students.  Over the past 24 years funds have been available from earnings of this endowment to present scholarships to 41 students.  Currently a $500 scholarship is given to the main recipient, and extra funds are used for honorable mention awards.

The next Legacy Scholarship will be given to a freshman entering Harding in the fall of 2024. Diligence, capability, leadership, scholarship, and financial need will be considered in awarding the scholarship in addition to a required essay on the topic, “What Harding has Meant to My Family.” Application forms are attached to this sheet. Questions may be directed to Debbie Duke at dduke@harding.edu.The deadline for completed application forms is June 16, 2025. Applications must be submitted with all parts in one document.

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 **APPLICATION FORM FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Class of ‘72 Legacy Scholarship is awarded each fall to a Harding University freshman who is a descendent of a former Harding student. The award is based on diligence, capability, leadership, scholarship, financial need, and an essay on the topic, “What Harding University has Meant to My Family.”

Applications for the scholarship must include the following items. Please check them as they are completed.

* **A Class of ‘72 Legacy Scholarship** **application form completed by the student**.
* **A list of the student’s high school and community activities and awards.**
* **A brief description of the student’s plans for the future.**
* **A paragraph describing any special financial needs of the student and/or the student’s family which might impact funding for the student’s college education.**
* **The student’s high school transcript including ACT and/or SAT scores.**
* **A letter of reference from a church leader in the student’s home congregation, and a letter of reference from a school administrator or teacher from the student’s high school. If a student has been home schooled this letter should come from a non-relative who has participated somehow in the student’s education.**
* **An essay written by the student on the topic, “What Harding has Meant to My Family,” which should also include what the student expects to gain from a Harding education. The essay should be 300 to 500 words in length.**

**All materials should be scanned and emailed in one document to dduke@harding.edu**

**or mailed to Class of ‘72 Legacy Scholarship**

 **C/O Deborah Duke**

 **Box 10764**

 **Harding University**

 **Searcy, AR 72149-0764**

**Completed applications must be received by June 16, 2025.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you been admitted to Harding? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**College Major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please list the members of your immediate and extended family who**

**have attended Harding giving their names, the dates of their attendance, and their relationship to you.**

**(Parents?)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Grandparents?)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Siblings?)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Others?)\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below to give the Class of ‘72 Legacy Scholarship Committee and Harding University permission to quote

from your essay.

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