

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

A Scholarship Fund was established in 1968 to assist church members with the expense of obtaining a college degree. The fund was started with funds from the budget, memorial gifts, and a later \$5,000 donation from Mrs. Dan Nicholas. An additional gift of \$100,000 was received towards the principal from Roy and Lula Goodman in December of 2001 in memory of their son, Larry. The principal balance in the fund is not to fall below \$105,000. Earnings on the principal or additional donations (not earmarked as principal) may be used to provide scholarship assistance.

In addition to the Scholarship Fund, the W. H. Leonard Fund's trust agreement provides that one half of the earnings on its principal may be used for educational scholarship support of young persons.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Nominations and Personnel Committee selects two at-large representatives to serve staggered three-year terms. The Senior Pastor and/or Associate Pastor, Business Administrator, Chairperson of Finance, and Chairperson of Education also serve on the Committee. The Nominations and Personnel Committee appoints a chairperson from among the at-large membership.

The Scholarship Committee meets annually during the spring to review applications for scholarship awards. The committee will make the awards based on the criteria outlined in this policy and in conjunction with available monies on hand from the sources noted above.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

To be eligible to receive a church college scholarship award, one must be a member of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury, be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program of an accredited college, university, or community college, and have at least a 2.0 overall grade point average for the current school year. Persons of any age are eligible. Post graduate applications will not be considered. Applicants may apply each year as long as they are enrolled in an undergraduate accredited program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship availability will be advertised through the church newsletter annually no later than the first week of March. Scholarship application forms and copies of this policy will be available for pick-up through the Church Office following the newsletter announcement. **All completed applications, as well as any supporting materials, must be returned to the Church Office by the announced deadline.** Incomplete applications or applications received after the announced deadline will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify receipt of completed application, including reference letter(s), with the church business administrator. The Scholarship Committee will hold all information in strict confidence.

### **A. Initial applicants**

1. Completed application with applicant's signature and the date on the back, including a copy of transcript with GPA (high school) or certified copy of transcript (college)
2. Essay, double-spaced, minimum of 150 words, describing what First United Methodist Church means to you
3. Current (within the last year) character reference from a non-family member. This letter must contain date of composition along with information including email address or phone number.
4. An academic reference from the current school year. This letter must contain date of composition along with contact information including email address or phone number.
5. Participate in interview with scholarship committee members

### **B. Renewing applicants (Those students who have been granted an initial scholarship)**

1. Completed front of application with applicant's signature and date on the back, including a certified copy of transcript
2. An academic reference from the current school year. This letter must contain date of composition along with contact information including email address or phone number.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Full name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of current school \_\_\_\_\_ Overall grade point average \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 21 and reside with your parent(s), please complete the next section.

Father or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of immediate family members currently enrolled in college:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Accredited institution of higher learning in which enrolled for the coming academic year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student status for the coming academic year:

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

List any additional information you would like to share with the committee:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Please turn over page)

The following is to be completed by INITIAL APPLICANTS ONLY.

**Church ministries and activities, including dates:**

Choir(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Missions \_\_\_\_\_

Acolyte \_\_\_\_\_

Youth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**School and community involvement, including dates: (List may be attached)**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**All applicants must sign and date this application before submission.**

*I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is true and correct, and that I am in need of financial assistance in order to continue my education. I understand that I, or my parent(s), will attend the recognition event to receive the scholarship.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature

**Completed applications and references should be sent to:**

**First United Methodist Church  
Scholarship Committee  
c/o Church Business Administrator  
217 South Church Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144**

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