

GUIDELINES FOR FUMC FRANKFORT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD MANAGEMENT

Scholarships at First United Methodist Church, Frankfort, were established by church families and its members for the purpose of helping and encouraging FUMC students to pursue their higher education goals. The currently available scholarships are managed through the Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Committee under its Scholarship Committee. This committee has established a standardized application and review process that will be used in the determination of scholarship awardees for all current and future scholarship accounts at FUMC. The goal of the committee is to assure that the distribution of available scholarship funds is achieved in a selection process that is simplified for both the student applicant and the church members who must make the ultimate decisions. Awareness of these awards may also provide other church members and families the encouragement to follow the example of earlier church members to establish their own family memorial scholarships.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. Download the application form from the FUMC website.
2. Review "GUIDELINES" carefully.
3. Select on application which scholarships you are applying for.
4. Obtain 2 letters of reference; no more than one (1) from a family member.
5. Write one (1) essay from the two (2) options below. No more than 500 words.
6. Complete the application. (Attachment B) You may add page(s) to this application as your responses need.
7. Email your completed application and essay on or before **February 15** to: Scholarship.committee@fumcfrankfort.org or deliver your materials to FUMC office at 211 Washington Street, Frankfort, KY 40601

ESSAY TOPICS (choose one topic of five hundred words or less and include a cover page with your name)

1. How has FUMC influenced your life?
2. How have you incorporated elements of the FUMC mission statement into your life?

CRITERIA TO BE USED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. A completed scholarship application.
2. Two reference letters.
3. Student essay (one topic chosen from topics listed above).
4. All application materials received by the Committee before/on the due date.
5. The applicant's level of active membership in FUMC.
6. The level of the applicant's commitment to FUMC mission as described in the essay and reference letters.
7. How does college major further personal goals and help improve others' lives?
8. Does the applicant's intended College Major satisfy that specified in the scholarship description (if applicable)?
9. The level of support for the applicant from letters of recommendation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I apply for more than one scholarship? *Yes. Please select any scholarships for which you feel you are qualified and you may be considered for more than one award, should the applicant pool allow.*
2. Can I apply in subsequent years? *Yes, but you must submit a new application with new letters of recommendation and a new essay.*
3. Are these scholarships guaranteed for multiple years? *No. Scholarships are determined every year and are not limited to first year students.*
4. Can I apply for a Scholarship even if my Major does not match the specifications in Attachment A? *Yes. If none of the applicant's majors apply to the specifics outlined in Attachment A, the best applicant will be selected.*

Attachment A

FIRST UNITED METHODIST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Ruth Spurrier Scholarship

The Ruth Spurrier Scholarship provides financial assistance to aspiring students who plan to major in one of the following fields: Ministry, Nursing, Medicine, Education or Social Work. In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student must have been a full member of the First United Methodist Church, Frankfort for at least one full year. Selected students are awarded \$1,000.

Ted Crosthwait Scholarship

The Ted Crosthwait Scholarship provides financial assistance to aspiring students who seek undergraduate degrees at accredited colleges. The award can be applied to any selected major. Each applicant must have been a full member of the First United Methodist Church, Frankfort for at least one full year. Selected students are awarded \$500.

Jim Sublett Scholarship

The Jim Sublett Scholarship provides financial assistance for students pursuing higher education beyond high school. Awarded students will be an active member of First United Methodist Church Frankfort. Preference will be given to a student preparing to become a teacher or whose field of study is education. Selected students are awarded \$1,500.

McChesney Family Scholarship

The McChesney Family Scholarship provides financial assistance for students in higher education. (College or University) The award can be applied to any major field of study. The applicant must be a current member of First United Methodist Church, Frankfort. Selected students are awarded \$1,000.

Pewitt Family Scholarship

The Pewitt Family Scholarship provides financial assistance for students in higher education. (College or University) The award can be applied to any major field of study. The applicant must be a current member of First United Methodist Church, Frankfort. Selected students are awarded \$1,000.

United Methodist Dollars for Scholars Program

This scholarship is in addition to our local church scholarships. Please follow the instructions for application on the website listed below. If you are applying for this scholarship, please be sure to mark it on your application so the Scholarship committee can ensure we have your possible awards in a timely manner for this additional scholarship.

A student scholarship applicant planning to attend, or already attending, a United Methodist related college, university, or seminary may be eligible for up to a \$4,000 United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS) program scholarship. To be eligible the student will have received a \$1,000 scholarship from FUMC. If a student feels he/she is qualified, they are to refer to the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation website, www.UMHEF.org or contact church staff. Deadline for all application requirements is March 1 of each year.

Due date for applications and letters of recommendation is February 15 each year to facilitate potential “United Methodist Dollars for Scholars ” applications.

ATTACHMENT B
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

YEAR JOINED FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING IN FALL:

CLASSIFICATION (freshman, sophomore, etc):

MAJOR (If Known):

FUTURE PLANS:

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (In school and in local community):

INTERESTS/HOBBIES:

HOW WOULD THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELP YOU?:

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT THE AWARD COMMITTEE TO KNOW:

Circle scholarships applying for: **Spurrier** **Crosthwait** **McChesney** **Pewitt** **Sublett**