

FOUNDATION OF THE MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND POLICY AND GUIDELINES

General Principles

These general principles are to be used for non-seminary scholarship funds held by the Foundation of the Missouri United Methodist Church, Columbia (hereinafter the Foundation).

The purpose of these scholarships is to assist recipients with their higher education training. Scholarship awards are not intended to cover the full cost of school for any applicant. The number of scholarships available each year is up to the discretion of the Foundation and availability of funding.

Although the Foundation shall consider an applicant's academic merit, relationship with the Missouri United Methodist Church (hereinafter MUMC), and school activities, the scholarship determination will be made on the applicant's qualifications as a whole.

The Foundation may make available these general academic scholarships annually, based on available funding. The amount of each individual scholarship shall not exceed \$2000 per academic year and will be distributed 50% per semester. This scholarship is available to entering college freshmen. A recipient may only receive this scholarship once.

Scholarship Procedures

1. As early as possible in the new year, members of the Foundation should be made aware of the Scholarship Policy and Guidelines, the amount of funds available, and whether there are any restrictions on the amount available for the current year.
2. Guidelines and applications should be made available to interested students by September 1 of each year. Scholarship availability will be announced, via appropriate social media and print methods, by the MUMC office. Scholarship materials will be available to download from the MUMC website.
3. Completed applications should be submitted electronically to the Foundation by February 1.
4. A Scholarship Committee shall be appointed by the Foundation President to screen applications and make recommendations to the full board for final decisions.
5. The scholarship recipients shall be informed about the awards and their amounts as soon as possible after the board makes its decision. At that time, a note shall be sent to the recipient's high school so that the information can be included in that school's list of scholarships received for the year.

6. Acknowledgement of the scholarship recipients may be made during a worship service and/or an announcement may be made in the church bulletin.
7. It is the responsibility of the recipient to inform the Foundation of which institution the student plans to attend. The funds are paid directly to the institution upon receipt of proof of enrollment.

Eligibility Requirements

Documentation required for applying for a scholarship must include the following:

1. A completed application that includes statements of the applicant's active relationship with MUMC, his or her career goals, academic merit, and school activities,
2. An official high school transcript,
3. Two letters of recommendation, including one from a high school teacher or college professor and one from an employer or MUMC member,

The completed application, recommendations, and transcript should be submitted electronically to the Foundation by February 1. If electronic means are not possible, the materials may be mailed to the MUMC church office to the attention of 'Foundation Scholarship Committee.'

Electronic applications and supporting documentation should be sent to scholarships@moumc.org. Documents may also be mailed to Foundation Scholarship Committee, Missouri United Methodist Church, 204 S. Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201.

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