

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
330 NORTH BROADWAY
WICHITA, KS 67202

POLICY: SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

DATE APPROVED: 8/25/03

I. Statement of Purpose

Scholarships and grants are distributed by the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Scholarship/Grant Committee in recognition of the outstanding contributions made, and yet to be made, by members of this congregations to home, church, school, and the community. These awards affirm our church's belief in the integrity, ability, and potential of our members and represent the church's effort to help them continue their formal education.

II. Authority

The FUMC of Wichita, through the Church Council, has empowered the Scholarship/Grant Committee to solicit, receive, and control the distribution of cash awards toward the higher education of selected applicants.

III. Sources of Funds

A) Named Endowments

Funded by earnings from a corpus of at least \$10,000, FUMC budget, or other participating institutions.

B) General Fund

Funded by gifts, fund-raising events, earnings from the Honor Fund*, etc.

*The Honor Fund is a composite grouping of funds of less than \$10,000 each, but encumbered for endowment purposes. Earnings are transferred annually into the General Fund.

C) The earning values of \$10,000 notes in A) and B) above were established as of the revision date of this policy. Values of \$5,000 were used prior to that date and pre-existing funds meeting this criteria will continue as named endowments.

IV. Rules Governing Scholarship Awards

1. Full responsibility and authority for selection of recipients and for the number and amount of each award rests with the Scholarship/Grant Committee.
2. Scholarships are awarded only to members in good standing of FUMC of Wichita who have graduated, or will have graduated before the award, from an accredited high school.
3. Recipients must have been active within the church during the 12 months prior to the scholarship period. (Extenuating circumstances are recognized.)

4. Scholarships are intended for, but not limited to, full-time students, and will be awarded on a yearly basis.
5. A scholarship may be renewed up through four years, subject to all the criteria herein and subject to Committee approval. A full application for each successive period is required.
6. *All transcripts submitted shall be official and shall be returned to the student after the notification of award.*
7. Checks are drawn jointly to the student and made out to the school of choice. If the year for which the payment is made is not completed, the student is responsible for full reimbursement to the Committee. (Extenuating circumstances are recognized.)
8. Completed application, along with the two-part written statement (explained in Scholarship/Grant Application) and grades are to be directed to the Scholarship/Grant Committee Chairperson and received in the church office at 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202 by May 1.
9. The applicant may be called to schedule a personal interview after the above requirements are received by the Committee.

NOTE: See "Scholarship/Grant Application" for details of each offering.

V. Rules Governing Grant Awards

1. Full responsibility and authority for selection of recipients and for the number and amount of each award rests with the Scholarship/Grant Committee.
2. Grants are awarded only to members in good standing of FUMC of Wichita who have been active within the church during the 12 months prior to the grant period. (Extenuating circumstances are recognized.)
3. Grants are for graduating high school seniors pursuing post high school education.
4. Awardees will be named and will be presented on Scholarship Recognition Sunday. If the year for which the payment is made is not completed, the student is responsible for full reimbursement to the Committee. (Extenuating circumstances are recognized.)
5. Completed applications are to be directed to the Scholarship/Grant Committee Chairperson and received in the church office at 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202 by May 1.