

Fort Smith First United Methodist Church Scholarship Guidelines and Requirements

GUIDELINES

1. The FUMC Discipleship team oversees the FUMC Scholarship which utilizes funds contributed to the *Scholarship Fund*.
2. Scholarship gifts received are over and above the established church budget and are not to be considered a part of or used for any portion of the budget prepared by the Finance Committee and adopted by the Administrative Board.
3. While scholastic record and other factors will be considered. **Financial need** is of particular concern.
4. Awards are made on a **one-time basis**.
5. The amounts of **scholarships awarded will vary** depending on the applicant's circumstances, the number of applicants, and on the availability of funds.
6. Applicants should not expect FUMC to fund all college expenses. Before applying for the FUMC Scholarship, applicants should have sought financial aid through all common sources of student financial assistance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The scholarship fund is available for deserving students who are **active members of FSFUMC** continuing education above the high school level including technical training, undergraduate or graduate studies.
2. Initial application for scholarship should be made on the form provided (attached). Any information which the applicant believes may be helpful should also be included.
3. A minimum of **one letter of recommendation** must accompany their application.
4. Applications for the 2024-25 school year should be turned into the FUMC offices or emailed to Natalie Alexander (nalexander@fsfumc.org) no later than **May 31, 2024**.
5. If, for any reason, a recipient drops out of college before completing the semester for which FUMC Scholarship funds have been awarded, that semester's award shall be refunded to FUMC unless an exception is specifically approved.
6. Applicants understand that the names of the scholarship recipients may be publicized in church publications including newsletter, bulletin, website, etc. Recipients are encouraged to be present and may be asked to participate in worship during the designated "High School Seniors" Sunday in May.
7. Any questions, please contact the church offices.

Scholarship Application Form 2023
DISCIPLESHIP Team - First United Methodist Church
200 North 15th St., Fort Smith, AR 72901

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ DOB: _____

School/Program you plan to attend:

Will you be enrolled as a full time student? _____

List the major expenses you will incur per semester at the program/college you will attend:

Tuition: \$ _____
Books: \$ _____
Room & Board: \$ _____
Other (specify): \$ _____
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List other scholarships, loans, grants or financial aid you have been or expect to be awarded including amounts.

Beyond financial aid possibilities listed above, how do you expect to fund your college education (savings, parental assistance, job, etc.)?

Do you know your field of study or specific degree in mind at this time? If so, please include.

What is your intended vocation after acquiring this degree/certification?

The first eligibility requirement is to have been an "active member of First United Methodist Church in regular attendance." Please explain how you have met this requirement:

What role has FSFUMC played in your faith development? How has/does your faith impact your pursuit of higher education and a particular vocation?

APPLICATION IS COMPLETE ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. An updated transcript.
2. One letter of recommendation.
3. Signed copy of this application.

Completed applications for the 2024-25 school year should be turned into the FUMC offices or via email to Natalie Alexander no later than **May 31, 2024**. If emailed, please email to nalexander@fsfumc.org and you will receive an email confirmation.

"I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true, accurate and correct. I have read the Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements and for the First United Methodist Church Scholarship (provided with this application) and believe that at this time I am a qualified applicant under them. I authorize release of scholarship information."

Signature: _____

Date: _____