

2017

## Fort Smith First United Methodist Church Scholarship

### GUIDELINES

1. The FUMC STUDY 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 FUMC** 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 2017-18 school year should be turned into the FUMC offices or via email to Rev. Sara Bayles no later than **May 15, 2017**. If emailed, please email to [sara.bayles@arumc.org](mailto:sara.bayles@arumc.org) and you will receive an email confirmation.
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 2017 and/or "United Methodist Student Sunday" in November 2017.
7. Any questions, please contact Rev. Sara Bayles at [sara.bayles@arumc.org](mailto:sara.bayles@arumc.org)



**Scholarship Application Form 2017**  
**STUDY 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 expense 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:

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

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**APPLICATION IS COMPLETE ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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

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“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: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised April 6, 2017 by Rev. Sara Bayles