

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VALLEY CENTER

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

First United Methodist Church of Valley Center distributes Scholarships in recognition of the contributions by members of this congregation. These awards affirm our church's belief in the potential ability and integrity of our members and represent the church's effort to help them continue their formal education. Scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria, including the applicant's involvement in worship and study opportunities within the First United Methodist Church of Valley Center, participation in other Christian based organizations and/or churches, his or her commitment to the Christian Faith, and academic progress.

Rules governing scholarship awards:

1. Applicant must be a full-time student – 12 hours minimum per semester or equivalent. No summer sessions will be funded.
2. Scholarships will be limited to five (5) years of *undergraduate* study at an accredited college, vo-tech school, or other qualifying institution. Graduate school is not included.
3. High School Seniors must be active in some aspect of the church. The committee will discuss with the youth director the student's involvement in youth group program and/or other ministries of the church.
4. Checks are drawn jointly to the student and to the school of choice and presented prior to the fall semester. If the school year for which payment is made is not completed, the student is responsible for full reimbursement to the committee. (Extenuating circumstances are recognized.)
5. Evaluation criteria for college students applying for scholarships will center on their application form and written statement. The criteria will be based primarily on the applicant's contributions, responsibilities, and participation in the church and community. Personal and professional goals, potential for personal growth, and transcript from the previous semester(s) will also be considered.
6. Completed applications and written statements are to be directed to the Higher Education Scholarship Committee and received in the church office by email or mail on or before **Sunday, March 31, 2024**.
7. Please scan and email the application, along with supplemental documents to staff@fumcvc.com. If scanning is not available, please mail or hand deliver to the church office.
8. Should the Higher Education Committee decide to hold any fundraising events to help support the college scholarship fund, parents and/or scholarship recipients will be expected to help with these events.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE – The following three (3) requests are **REQUIREMENTS** of this scholarship application. If you do not complete this section, your application will not be reviewed.

1. Please list below all church activities in this church in which you have been involved since your FRESHMAN year of high school.
 - a. If you have been out of high school for one (1) or more years, please list below activities in which you have participated in the church you are now regularly attending and/or list campus Christian activities in which you are involved. Please give the name and address of the church you are now attending.

Church/Organization Name: _____

Minister/Leader's Name and E-mail Address: _____

Please List Here:

2. Please include your most current transcript (high school or college).
3. Please write an essay of approximately 250 words addressing the following topic:
 - a. *How has your involvement in the Church and/or Christian-based organizations better prepared you for your future?*

<<Please attach your essay to this application>>

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YOUR APPLICATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024.