

## **The Scholarship Fund Westminster Presbyterian Church of Arlington**

### **Information:**

The Scholarship Fund was established by the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington (WPC) Session. It is overseen by the Scholarship Review Committee, a subcommittee of the Christian Education Committee. The Christian Education Committee will ensure that at least three impartial WPC members are on the Scholarship Review Committee. Files will be kept for a period of three years on applicants. It is the responsibility of the Scholarship Review Committee to notify the Church Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of any awards. The recipients will sign a statement showing that funds will be used toward their educational needs.

Scholarships can be given for various educational needs. These scholarships include, but are not limited to, acceptance into an accredited college, university, or institution of higher learning beyond High School.

The amount of the scholarship will depend on the total funds available each year and the number of applications received. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. The maximum scholarship per individual for the first year is \$1000.00 and the student must maintain a 2.0 GPA with a full time (12 hours) class schedule to be eligible for additional scholarships.

For subsequent years, the maximum scholarship per individual is \$500.00 per year for a full time (12 hours) class schedule. The student must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for additional scholarships.

For part time students (under 12 hours), the maximum scholarship is \$500.00 per year and the student must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for additional scholarships.

Receiving a scholarship for one school year does not guarantee receiving a scholarship in the subsequent year. Separate applications must be submitted for each year.

The Scholarship Review Committee may request a face-to-face interview to further understand the needs of the applicant. At least once a year, an announcement will be made to the congregation to ensure their awareness of the program.

### **Qualification:**

Applicants for scholarships must have been a member of WPC for at least one year, actively participating in the life of the church.

(Variance from these qualifications must be approved by the Session of WPC.)

### **To Apply:**

Candidates for scholarships will apply by filling out the Scholarship Application form, writing a letter of request for consideration, and offering four references (including at least two members/staff from WPC). Applications for scholarships must be received by April 1. Applicants will be notified no later than May 15. Checks will be awarded to the student no later than May 31.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

*Applications received after April 1 must receive approval from the Session for consideration. Application must be complete and typed. No hand-written applications accepted. If you e-mail your application, it is your responsibility to confirm that it was received by April 1.*

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