

First United Methodist Church

Fund for Church Leadership Scholarship

Purpose:

This scholarship will be given to aid those who are active members of First Church and are attending a seminary or college in preparation for a church related vocation. In addition, this scholarship can be given to aid those who are active members of First Church attending colleges that give matching funds for church scholarships, those who are involved in campus ministries or those who have been approved for a First Church Internship.

Eligibility: Applicant must be an active member of First United Methodist Church for at least one year.

Priorities:

- a. Highest priority of funding will be given to students in a seminary approved by the University Senate who have achieved at least declared candidate status. For approved seminaries see www.gbhem.org
- b. Next priority given to declared candidates in undergraduate programs and local pastor's school
- c. Next priority given to members who are preparing for church related vocations such as missionary, church musician, praise/worship leader, youth ministry, etc.
- d. Next priority given to members who are college sophomores or above who are verifiably involved in campus ministries.
- e. Next priority given to members attending any fully accredited colleges, who qualify for matching funds. Up to \$500/year for up to four years with application annually. For accreditation information go to www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation
- f. Next priority given to members for a First Church internship as identified by the Staff Parish Committee
- g. Next priority given to current staff for staff development as approved by the Lead Pastor

To apply:

- Completed application
- Written essay of at least 200 words
- Two (2) listed references
- **Deadline: Friday, April 29 @ noon**

Return all materials to:

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Fund for Church Leadership
604 Market Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

More information:

Phone: 570-322-3572

Email: office@firstchurch.cc

APPLICATION – FUND FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Personal Information:

Full Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____
Street

_____ *City State Zip Code*

Telephone #: _____ Cell #: _____

School Information:

Name of School, Seminary, Internship, Staff Development, etc.

Address City State Zip Code

Enrollment: [] PART-TIME [] FULL-TIME

Other Information:

Please check all that apply:

_____ I am a declared candidate, certified candidate, local pastor (if checked, please circle one)

_____ I am preparing for a church-related vocation (please describe vocation)

_____ I qualify for matching funds from my school

_____ I am a college sophomore (or higher) who is involved in my campus ministry (please attach letter of recommendation from campus minister)

_____ I have been approved by the First Church Staff Parish Committee for an internship

_____ I have been approved by the Lead Pastor for Staff Development

Essay

All applicants must submit an essay in 200 words or less describing your leadership responsibilities and activities during the past year, including your current activities and goals as follows:. (Essays should be typed if possible. Please attach your essay to your application before submission.)

- 1) Leadership responsibilities and involvement in First Church within the last year.
- 2) Involvement and/or leadership responsibilities on the District, Annual Conference, Jurisdiction or General Conference level
- 3) Activities and/or responsibilities in your community
- 4) Your education goals and how achievement of these goals will provide leadership for the church and society, and how it will improve the quality of life of others
- 5) College students should show evidence of leadership/involvement in religious activities through their campus ministry – please submit a letter of recommendation from your campus minister

References and Recommendations

This scholarship requires the applicant to provide a minimum of two (2) character references. References may not be a relative of applicant but should have a strong relationship with them. Pastors, mentors, teachers, coaches, and employers are all welcomed. Please obtain permission from references you choose to submit.

Please list the names of person from who you have requested recommendations:

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Financial Need Statement

Estimated Academic Expenses for the year: _____

Total of Grants, Loans, and Scholarships (received/expected): _____

Total Unmet Need for the academic year: _____

Signature of applicant

Date