

# **First United Methodist Church Scholarship Guidelines – For a High School Student Seeking a College or University Degree**

The First United Methodist Church of Sarasota Scholarship Committee seeks to foster academic and spiritual growth for new generations of church leaders by helping high-potential United Methodist students attain a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. The scholarship is awarded annually, based on church involvement, community service, academic achievement and financial need.

## **Eligibility**

- Candidate must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade on.
- Candidate must be a member of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), in Sarasota, for at least one year prior to scholarship application, and remain active in church activities as a scholarship recipient.
- Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend and be recognized at church-related events.
- Candidate must be admitted to or have applied to an accredited College or University.
- Candidate must provide evidence of involvement and/or leadership in church, school and community activities.
- Candidate should provide a reference from FUMC pastor or youth director.
- Candidate must also be between the ages of 16-25.

To submit an application package, please fill out the enclosed form and include the following:

- Home address, phone number and email address.
- Applicable family and financial budget information.
- Name of the college or university you plan to attend and a letter of acceptance.
- The three letters of reference, including representation from FUMC.
- An essay describing FUMC, community and school leadership involvement; educational plans and goals.
- A copy of your high school transcript.
- Availability to conduct a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee.

**Return To:**

First United Methodist Church of Sarasota:

[financial@firstsrq.com](mailto:financial@firstsrq.com) or by mail:

Paul Anacki c/o First United Methodist Church

Attn: Scholarship Committee

104 S. Pineapple Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34236

**Applications are now being accepted; deadline is June 21, 2019.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. For more information, contact Paul Anacki: 941-955-0935.

The First United Methodist Church Scholarship Application for Graduating High School Seniors

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

His Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Her Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work / Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors / Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

What Colleges have you applied to or been accepted to? \_\_\_\_\_

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Admission Granted? \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Member of the First United Methodist Church of Sarasota and if not, do you plan to become a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT.**

**Essay:**

On a Separate sheet, please describe your church, community and school activities. Include leadership activities that have been particularly meaningful. Describe any honors and awards received and your future goals and educational plans. The essay should be one page in length.

**References**

Please list name of references in space below. Please include at least one reference from church. Others may be school officials and/or family friends.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out your College Budget Plan:

<b>Tuition Cost</b>	
College Tuition Cost:	
+ Room & Board Cost:	
<b>Total Tuition:</b>	
<b>Source of Income</b>	
Family Contribution:	
Work/ Job Contribution:	
+Other Scholarship / Grant monies:	
+Financial Aid / Student Loan:	
<b>Total Source of Income:</b>	
Total Tuition – Total Source of Income:	

Please mail your application form, with transcript, essay and letters of recommendation to:

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**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 21, 2019.** Checks will be made out to the institution's Bursars office and will be available in August. Incomplete applications will not be considered.