

April 1, 2008

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on your choice to continue your education. Your St. Paul's family commends you, and we would like to support you as you walk through this next chapter of your life.

Please take the time to read through this packet and make yourself aware of the scholarship guidelines, process, and deadline. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dick Lodge for more information. Be sure to fill out the application in its entirety, being as thorough as possible.

For further scholarship opportunities, we suggest that you stop by the circulation desk at the Hancock County Library and ask for the Scholarship Notebook. This book contains numerous scholarships that are available to you, many of which go unclaimed because people don't apply. You may also want to contact *The Community Foundation* to see what local scholarships might be available.

Many blessings to you from your St. Paul's family!

The St. Paul's Scholarship Committee

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St. Paul's UMC – Scholarship Guidelines

The Scholarship Committee exists to financially support and encourage our members as they seek to grow in their learning through higher education.

Scholarships will be given based upon each person's involvement in and connection to the St. Paul's family. Financial need and academic record are not a matter of consideration for this scholarship.

Guidelines:

1. There shall be no restrictions as to any career that the applicant is pursuing, as long as it is consistent with Christian citizenship.
2. The candidate shall meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Applicants must be one of the following: 1) a high school senior; 2) a student currently enrolled in, or accepted to, a higher educational institution; 3) an individual planning on pursuing continuing education.
- [The term "higher educational institution" may include 2- or 4-year college/university, trade or business school, seminary, etc.]
 - b. The candidate must have been a member of St. Paul's Church for at least one year prior to applying for a scholarship, or a consistently active member of another church just prior to joining St. Paul's.
 - c. The candidate must demonstrate active participation in the St. Paul's ministry and family. Examples of areas of involvement are: worship, Bible study, Youth Ministry events, other church activities, service projects, etc. In the case of the applicant being currently enrolled in higher education, they must demonstrate involvement in church or Para-church activities on their campus or in their community (ex. Campus Crusade for Christ, Youth For Christ, etc.), as well as maintain some connection to St. Paul's. Individuals pursuing continuing education at a higher educational institution must demonstrate involvement in, and connection to, the St. Paul's Church family.
3. Only those who satisfactorily meet these guidelines, and complete this application in its entirety, will be considered for a scholarship. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the total amount of money available to be awarded divided among the number of qualified applicants per the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee's decision will be final and the scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.
4. The scholarship will be presented to recipients before the beginning of their fall term, but only after proof of enrollment has been given. The scholarship check will be written to the recipient, or school, whichever is chosen by the recipient.

5. Each candidate will use an application form (to be made available in the Church office) and all of the information will be considered confidential. Awards will be given based upon the information provided in the application, not outside knowledge of the individual, so please be as thorough as possible.
6. Completed applications should be returned to the church office in person or mailed to the church at:
**St. Paul's Church
Scholarship Committee
218 E. Sandusky St.
Findlay, OH 45840**
7. Applications will be available on April 1st of each year and the deadline is April 30th. **They must be returned to the church office or postmarked by April 30 to be considered.** Late applications will not be accepted! Applicants must notify the church office that their application is being turned in and their name will be recorded in the church office. This will ensure that no applications are lost.
8. The Scholarship Committee shall review all applications and determine the recipients of the scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be decided on a year-to-year basis and are not guaranteed that they will receive a scholarship the following year. Applicants must meet the guidelines and criteria each year that they apply.

Educational Scholarship Application

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
218 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, OH 45840

Name _____ Class Level next fall _____

Address _____

Age _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Are you a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church? _____

Name of the school you currently attend _____

Highest level of education completed _____

Educational Institution you will be attending _____

Major, or focus of your studies (if applicable) _____

Interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities:

What are your future plans and goals, either in school or beyond?

Where do you expect to live while attending school?

Additional helpful information not provided elsewhere in this application:

- If you are a High School Senior, please be sure to complete the attached page, which highlights many of the areas of St. Paul's Youth Ministry in which you may have been involved. If you are a recent graduate of High School, please fill out the attached page as best as you can (recalling your past involvement with St. Paul's Youth Ministry) and use the bottom areas of that sheet to share any of the campus or Para-church ministries in which you have been involved.
- If you are pursuing further education and the attached sheet is not applicable to your situation, please use the lines below to share with us your involvement in the St. Paul's Church family and community.

Please attach a copy of documentation that would verify your acceptance or enrollment in higher education for the next semester/quarter (e.g., receipt of first payment, dorm assignment, letter of acceptance, etc.). If such documentation is not available, please note that here: _____.

In the event that you are awarded a scholarship by St. Paul's UMC, but documentation has not been received, payment will not be awarded until your enrollment can be verified.

I declare that the information in this application is correct to the best of our knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

NOTE: After completing this application, please do the following:

- **Return your completed application to the church office in a sealed envelope marked: Attention Scholarship Committee.**
- **When you have submitted you application, please contact the church secretary by phone, e-mail, or notification in person.**

