

Andy Thompson College Scholarship Policy

Triplett United Methodist Church

Introduction

The Andy Thompson College Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 to assist members of Triplett United Methodist Church with the expense of obtaining a college degree. The fund was started with funds from Michael and Nelda Thompson, memorial gifts, gifts in honor of someone, bequests, contributions and designated fund-raising events. Earnings on the principle or additional donations can be used to provide scholarship assistance.

Scholarship Committee

The Lay Leadership Committee selects six at-large representatives to serve staggered three-year terms. The Pastor and a member of the Andy Thompson family may serve on the committee.

The Lay Leadership Committee appoints a chairperson from among the at-large members.

The Scholarship Committee meets annually in the spring to review applications for scholarship awards and to make the awards based on criteria outlined in this policy and in conjunction with available monies on hand from the sources previously noted in this policy.

Eligibility for Scholarship Awards

To be eligible to receive the Andy Thompson College Scholarship, one must be a youth* in full membership in Triplett United Methodist Church, actively participating in the church body and be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program of an accredited college, university, community college, or trade school. Only first time applicants will be considered.

Application Process

Scholarship availability will be advertised through the church newsletter and bulletin annually in the spring. Scholarship application forms and copies of this policy will be available for pick-up through the Church Office as soon as the annual announcement is made. All applications as well as supporting materials must be returned to the church office by the date designated by the committee. This date will be no later than the first week of May. This provides the committee ample time to collect, review, and award scholarships by the month of June. (Andy's Birthday Month) Applications received after the designated date will not be considered. The Scholarship Committee will hold all information in strict confidence.

Awarding of Scholarships

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be expected to attend a designated worship service where they will be recognized for their achievements.

* Youth means anyone 21 years of age and under.

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Distribution of Funds

All applicants will be awarded \$500.00. Financial need will not be a factor. Upon this fund reaching \$40,000.00 and there is a viable yearly interest to be considered, the committee will reevaluate the funds and may begin to distribute equally additional monies, not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00 to each applicant.

A check for the scholarship award will be payable to the educational institution. Applicants will need to provide a copy of their letter of acceptance, their student account number and address to the institution they will be attending.

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Application Form

Please complete all pages to the best of your ability.

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Father or Guardian: _____

Mailing address (if different from above): _____

Mother or Guardian: _____

Mailing address (if different from above): _____

Institution Enrolled in for the coming academic year: Name of College, University or Trade School _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Status for the coming academic year:

Freshman: _____ Sophomore: _____ Junior: _____ Senior: _____

Name of undergraduate degree program in which enrolled: _____

Postgraduate students are not eligible for scholarship assistance.

Awards, Honors, Leadership Positions, Extracurricular Activities: _____

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Please write a brief paragraph about yourself, your educational objectives and your goals in life.

When did you join Triplett United Methodist Church? _____

Please write a brief paragraph relaying you "actively participating in the church body". _____

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is true and correct, and I would sincerely appreciate the financial assistance in order to continue my education.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Signature