



Applicant Scholarship Application for 2014/2015

**EDUCATIONAL PLANS**

College or University that you will attend during the Scholarship year 2014-2015:  
(The scholarship committee should be notified prior to any changes):

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Street/PO Box# where the Scholarship money should be sent

Street/PO Box# where you will receive mail while at school

City

State

Zip

School Ph# (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

4-year college/university or  2-year college/university

Full time (12+ undergraduate semester hrs)\*\*  Part time (less than 12 semester hours)\*

*\*The scholarship committee should be notified prior to any changes.*

*^Full-time graduate load is 9 semester hrs.*

Academic classification (upcoming scholarship year)

Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate

Planned Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Final education goal \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours already earned toward this degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours currently needed to achieve this degree: \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly any employment you have had in the last five years. (Use a separate sheet if needed.)

Title of position                      Employed by                      Type of work                      Dates

Will you be working during the school year? Yes  No

If yes, state where: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated number of hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Your Career Goal:  
(Use a separate sheet if needed.)

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**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Date you joined First United Methodist Church (Confirmation or Membership class):  
*(Note: You must have been an active member of 1stUMC for at least 1 year to be eligible)*  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
month/year

Are your parents (guardian) members of 1st United Methodist Church? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
If yes, when did they become members? (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

List three active members of this church (non-family) who will recommend you for this scholarship.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>phone #</u>	<u>Position/Title (if applicable)</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			

**ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS**

List any academic honors, awards, etc. that you have received in the last five years. Include any outstanding extracurricular activities such as sports or clubs.  
(Submit attachment if needed)

**TRANSCRIPTS**

Present or mail your official high school or most recent college transcript to the church office in a sealed envelope labeled "1<sup>st</sup> UMC of Mount Dora Scholarship." 440 East Sixth Ave. Mount Dora, FL 32757

**ESSAY ON CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

For the appropriate items below, please attach a separate sheet with a neat, full, and detailed (correct grammar and punctuation) essay that fully addresses the following items:

I. Describe **your** attendance/involvement/stewardship in 1stUMC (our church) both past and present; place emphasis on activities during the **past year**. Include any church offices, committees, events, etc. in which you have served (for example, church attendance, activities, positions of responsibility, service, financial giving, small group membership, Bible Study, etc.) Describe your participation in projects and missions of **this church**. Include any special honors or awards. It is imperative that you respond to this as fully as possible. Mention dates of events, positions and involvement and how extensively you participated in each.

II. If you are currently in **college**, describe **your** attendance/involvement/stewardship in your church you are attending. The scholarship is toward your total Christian spiritual experience & development. (Just as an athlete receives a scholarship for the sport they actively participate.) Include any offices, committees, events, etc. in which you have served (for example, attendance, activities, positions of responsibility, service, financial giving, small group membership, Bible Study, etc.) Describe your participation in missions and activities. Respond as fully as possible. Mention dates of events, positions and involvement.

III. Describe any special circumstances that you feel the committee should consider such as financial hardship, family situation or other special conditions of which the committee should be made aware.

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I understand that the 1stUMC Scholarship selection committee encourages me to be a loyal and participating member of this congregation and my campus congregation with "my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service."

I agree that photos or movie clips in which my face is recognizable may be used for publicity, etc. unless I send the committee, in writing, a letter indicating that no photos or movie clips in which my face may be recognized may be used.

***I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understanding.***

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**SCHOLARSHIP COVENANT AGREEMENT**

This covenant evidences my promise to maintain a Christian focus and to avoid anything that would distract me from my educational and spiritual growth. I understand that I represent God, my family, my church, and myself in my educational pursuits.

**“For this very reason, do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness add knowledge; to your knowledge add self-control; to your self control add endurance; to your endurance add godliness; to your godliness add brotherly affection; and to your brotherly affection add love. These are the qualities you need, and if you have them in abundance, they will make you active and effective in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

*2 Peter 1:5-8  
Good News Bible*

**I Promise to strive for educational excellence.**

I understand that this scholarship is a blessing, and I promise to honor this generosity by achieving at least an overall 2.0 grade point average for all course work.

**I Promise to behave like a Christian.**

I understand that the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, and any other substance is not consistent with Christian teachings, Sexual misconduct, abusive, violent or immoral behavior do not represent the person I am and will become as I grow in Christ.

**I Promise to demonstrate Christian citizenship in all my endeavors.**

I understand that abiding by all rules, procedures, and guidelines set forth by my school and community allows me to be the best person I can be and ensures my success in life.

**I Promise to remember my family in Christ.**

I understand that, even though I am involved with my studies most of the year, I am missed by my family here at First United Methodist Church. I know that a continuing relationship with my church is important, and I will strive to attend worship services at least once a month and Bible Study activities at home and at school.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity and, through prayer and love, I promise to uphold these expectations to the best of my ability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## XI. SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

- A** The First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora, Florida, will award a scholarship/scholarships annually as funds are available. The funds will be derived from income earned from the principal of the Scholarship Fund, together with up to one hundred percent (100%) of monies received for a special offering on the third Sunday in February. After scholarship requests have been approved, any remainder of income or offerings may be deposited to the principal of the Permanent Scholarship Fund, or be held for future scholarship requests.

Any monies contributed to Scholarship via weekly offerings will be allocated to the current year Scholarship Fund. Any bequests, unless specified otherwise, will go into the Permanent Scholarship Fund. Scholarships shall be awarded in amounts of up to \$1,500.00 per year for a four-year school, or up to \$1,000.00 for a two-year school or vocational training programs. The amount (or percentage) needed would be determined by the number of applicants and the amounts of distribution.

- B** There shall be a Scholarship Committee comprised of eight members:

Senior Pastor

The Lay Leader

Chairperson of the Work Area on Education / or designee/representative

Five members at large appointed by the Chairperson of the Church Council.

The members at large will be appointed on a three-year rotating basis.

Any member who might be related to an applicant shall be ineligible to vote or speak for the applicant. The responsibilities of the Committee shall be to review all applications, select any eligible recipients and make recommendations to the Church Council, for final approval. The Scholarship Committee may choose to make no award.

Since the third Sunday in February is designated for a special scholarship offering; it is recommended that the five (5) members at large be appointed in January of the upcoming calendar year. A planning meeting should be held prior to the February special offering. A Chairperson should be chosen for that year at the planning meeting.

- C** Application forms will be available through the Church Office. The postmark deadline for returning applications shall be no later than May 1. The Scholarship Committee will meet in early May to allow ample time to make their selection/selections and present their recommendations to the Church Council. Recipients will be notified on or before June 10.

- D** To be eligible for an award, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a full member of the First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora for at least one year and have demonstrated active or reasonable participation in some aspect of the church program.

2. The applicant is a high school graduate or a graduating senior and must have applied to or been accepted as a full-time degree candidate in an accredited college or university, two-year college, or a certified vocational program. Hereinafter referred to as "School."
3. Applicants who are high school graduating seniors and applicants who are already in college must have maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or better, on a 4.0 scale, in the last year of attendance.
4. This section weighs very heavily in your Scholarship consideration so err on the side of giving too much information rather than too little.

Your involvement in Christian activities at FUMC-MD and while attending college is one of the top priorities considered to receive a scholarship. Please fully share your areas of participation including how often you attend. Areas to be considered are: (high priority) Attend/Participate in Sunday morning worship service; participate in Christian activities sponsored by or affiliated with FUMC-MD or a campus area church or Christian organization or United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Include any offices you held. Applicant must attend one or more of these at least once per month.

Of Lesser priority, but still important, include your participation in church musical activities or United Methodist events outside the local church (camps, workshops and seminars). List any other Christian activities sponsored by or affiliated with FUMC-MD or a campus organization. Also, share any involvement you may have had in any area of community service outside the church. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

5. Applicants may reapply yearly for a grant if continuing in a degree or certificate-seeking program. The applicant is no longer eligible after four application-years.
6. In circumstances where there may be more applicants than there are funds available, applicants may need to show financial need.

**E** Candidates submitting their application shall include the following:

1. Church application form.
2. An official grade transcript from their respective school.

All scholarship money will be sent directly to the school. These funds will be allocated on a quarter/semester basis as required by the respective school. It is the responsibility of the recipient to advise the Committee of the name and address of the financial aid or other office where a check should be sent.

**F** During the semester of the scholarship grant, if the recipient forfeits the scholarship or discontinues school for any reason, the remaining or unused funds must be returned by the institution to the First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora.

**G** If the selected recipient should receive another scholarship, the Committee reserves the right to consider another applicant.