

**Information & Application Form
Carmel United Methodist Church
Higher Education Scholarship**

Application Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2017
Complete & Submit To: Carmel United Methodist Church Office to Karen McTaggart
Attn: Higher Education Committee

Carmel United Methodist Church established a scholarship fund in 1987. The purpose of the fund is to assist deserving church members who are pursuing advanced education at accredited colleges or universities in the next school year. Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Church Office and the CUMC website. Completed applications must be returned to the Church Office on or before **Friday, March 24, 2017**.

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize students for their active church involvement and their display of leadership, community, and volunteer service. Although class ranking or GPA is not the primary requirement for the award, Carmel United Methodist Church believes that working to achieve a quality education is not just a job of an educational institution, but is the primary occupation of every student.

To be considered for this award, the candidate must complete this application form and return it along with all required attachments by **Friday, March 24, 2017**. The packets must be submitted to Karen McTaggart in the front office. Do not submit them to any other staff members so the packets can be logged appropriately. Eligibility requirements are outlined on the verification section of the application. No exceptions are allowed.

Scholarships usually have ranged from \$100 - \$1,000. However, the exact amount and number of grants are determined annually, according to the number and quality of the applicants, and the amount of funds available for distribution.

Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by the end of May. Scholarships are awarded once a year in July preceding the academic year for which the student plans to enroll, and will be sent to the Bursar of the college or university. The scholarship is then applicable to tuition, room and board, and any fees.

Thank you for your service to others and for being an example to your peers. The Higher Education Committee of Carmel United Methodist Church is proud to recognize future leaders with this award, and congratulate you for your interest in becoming a candidate. Best of luck to you! If you have any questions about the application, please contact the Higher Education Committee members through Scott McDerimid, Director of Youth Ministries, at 317-844-7275, or smcderimid@carmelumc.org.

Members of the Higher Education Committee
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Name: _____ Date of application: _____
 Last First Middle

Home address: _____
 Street City Zip

Phone: _____ Home or Cell (circle) Email address: _____

School address: _____
(if different from home) Street City Zip

Parents' names: _____ Current year in school: _____

Names of siblings/ages: _____

Grade Point Average for most recent semester: _____ on a _____ point scale.

College you plan to attend (or are attending): _____

Major you plan to pursue (or are pursuing): _____

Degree you plan to obtain: _____

Next year you plan to attend (check one): _____ full-time _____ part-time

Activities

How long have you been a member or attending CUMC? _____

List the CUMC activities in which you participated while attending here and describe your level of participation in those activities (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Identify volunteer, leadership, or community activities, other than church-sponsored activities, in which you participated (attach additional pages, if necessary):

List any awards or recognition from school or organizations (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Costs

Anticipated cost of this academic year: Tuition _____ Room & Board _____

Books _____ Other (explain) _____

Amount of grants/scholarships you have received: \$ _____

How do you plan to use this scholarship money (attach additional pages, if necessary)? _____

List any financial circumstances you would like the committee to consider (attach additional pages, if necessary):

List any special circumstances, disabilities or situations which the committee should be aware of in considering this application (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Verification of Information and Attachments

Please read each of these statements and initial that you acknowledge the statement and have included the required information.

1. I verify that I am a graduating senior from high school (meeting all requirements for graduation by the end of the current school year), a current undergraduate student, a current graduate student, or a person who has been accepted to a college program for the following school year. _____ Initial
2. I verify that I have not been a previous recipient of this scholarship. _____ Initial
3. I verify that I am a member of Carmel United Methodist Church or have attended here regularly for at least three years. _____ Initial
4. I have provided any additional pages as indicated in the application and have put my name on any of those additional pages. _____ Initial
5. I have attached an **official transcript** or grade report from the most recent semester of education showing my overall Grade Point Average. _____ Initial
6. I have attached my letter of acceptance to one or more accredited schools of higher education at this time of application. _____ Initial
7. In the application I have shown evidence of church involvement, and community, leadership, or volunteer activities. _____ Initial
8. I have attached an essay of 500 words or less answering these questions: Where are you currently in your faith journey? How has CUMC helped to play a role where God is taking you? _____ Initial
9. I have enclosed **three letters of reference, signed and dated by the reference**: one from a teacher/professor, one from a member of CUMC (not related to me and a program chair/member from an area of my involvement), and one from another person not related to me (an employer, family friend, etc.). _____ Initial

I verify the information presented in this application packet is accurate. I have submitted **all portions** of this application by the deadline of **Friday, March 24, 2017** and understand that I will be notified of the Committee’s decision no later than the end of May.

Signature of Applicant

Date

