

First United Methodist Church, Forest City Christian Disciple Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee of First United Methodist Church, Forest City will award Christian Disciple Scholarships each year to recipients who have demonstrated Christian Discipleship in their Church activities, school activities, scholastic achievement and community life. These recipients should be persons who are in good academic standing and who plan to continue their education. The goal of this committee is to award scholarships each year, the amount dependent upon the funds available and the number of applicants. Recognizing that each person's faith journey is unique, every applicant is considered a person of worth and value and will be given due consideration. The Scholarship Committee will consider all applications, interview all applicants and determine the amount of scholarship awards at their discretion using a rating rubric (please see attached rubric).

Those eligible are any graduating seniors who are members and/or active participants of the programs and ministries of FUMC, Forest City. Recipients should exhibit regular participation in some phase of Church programming. As illustrated in the Rubric, this Christian Disciple Scholarship award is weighted heavily on Church involvement at FUMC. Community Involvement/Service, School Involvement, Academics and an interview are also factored into the rubric scoring.

The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee and its members will be nominated by the Committee on Lay Leadership and approved by an act of the Charge Conference. The term of service for committee members is three years. The Church Pastor and Program Director will be ex-officio members with full participation in the selection process, but without vote. One of the adult UMYF leaders, identified by the Lay Leadership Committee, shall serve as an ex-officio member, participating in the selection process, also without vote. Committee members who are relatives of an applicant will be asked to step aside for that year.

The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee will make the application for this scholarship available in a fillable format on the Church Website: www.fumcforestcity.com/scholarship-application. Applications must be filled out and emailed to the Church office by March 30, 2025 in order to be considered. Please save as a PDF and email to office@fumcforestcity.com. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Church membership will be informed that the applications are available on the Church website. Notification will also be made in the newsletter and in the Worship Bulletin. In addition, the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee will notify each high school senior that is a member or active participant of First United Methodist Church, Forest City that the application is available. Furthermore, the Chairperson will contact applicants to set meeting times for the interview on April 23, 2025. The Chairperson will work with the committee to set award amounts, to notify recipients of award, to arrange for the Senior Sunday presentation of awards (during Worship, May 18, 2025) and to plan the Senior Reception (following Worship).

Funds for this award are made available by designated gifts. The amount available varies from year to year. Amount of awards will be determined based on the funds available and number of applicants. A high, medium and low rating on the rubric will be used to determine the amount of each individual award. Funds are to be paid to the finance officer of the college/university/technical school where the recipient is attending, except in the case of special circumstances/special requests made to, reviewed and approved by the committee or Administrative Council. The Church Business Administrator will work with the recipient to arrange for the distribution of funds. Questions about this process should be directed to the Church Business Administrator. The committee recommends that the payments be divided equally between semesters or quarters, rather than disbursed in one lump sum. Funds are available for two years after they have been awarded. Unused funds will be transferred back into the Scholarship Fund and used towards future awards.

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Each year, Scholarship awardees from the previous year will be given the opportunity to apply for a supplemental scholarship. The awardees will be required to send a letter to the Scholarship Committee stating their Christian growth through the past year in college and ways they have served in Christian service during their first year in college. The letter will be emailed to office@fumcforestcity.com by March 30, 2025

	SCORING RUBRIC	3	2	1	0	Totals
Church 35%	Sunday School Worship UMYF/ Weekly Meetings Mission Trips/ UMYF Activities Committees Christian Leader/Role Model Other	Regular Attendance. Active in all available opportunities for Church participation. Positive, Christian role model – Excellence. Participation is a priority. A Leader	Average attendance. Participates in some activities. Participation is important but allows other things to interfere.	Occasional attendance. Irregular participation in activities.	Limited Participation to none at all.	___ x .35
Community Involvement/ Service 30%	Youth Service Project CCC Building Team Youth Activities Boy/Girl Scouts Big Brother/Big Sister Relay for Life Hospice Grace of God Camps Work/Job Other	Looks for ways to improve community. Takes advantage of opportunities to give back. Strong effort to make a difference in a positive way. Thinks of others first. Looks for ways to serve. Ideas are sought after by adults/peers. Very dependable.	Willing to participate. Being a part of community group is important. A positive and contributing member but not the one out front. Selective when opportunities to serve are available.	Will go along with the group with irregular participation. Allows other things to interfere when given a choice. Will participate when there is nothing else to do. Will not be inconvenienced.	Little to no participation in his/her community. Limited service to others.	___ x .30
Academics 10%	Academics – Weighted GPA	GPA – 4.0-5.0+	GPA – 3.0-4.0	GPA – 2.5-3.0	Anything below 2.5	___ x .10
School Involvement 15%	Athletics Beta Club Clubs Athletics Music (Band or chorus) Tutoring Extra-Curricular Activities	Strives for Excellence. Strong Work Ethic. Uses talents/gifts. Strives to improve. Responsible for learning. Is a go getter.	Doing his/her best is important but not a driving force. Participates in school activities. Completes tasks to acceptable level.	Inconsistent in completion of tasks. Involved in some school activities.	Limited involvement in school and extra-curricular activities	___ x .15
Interview 10%	Goals are clear with faith focus Confident Accountable Well Spoken Eye Contact Dressed for Interview	Excellent responses. Positive, pleasant and polished. Enjoyable to speak with.	Answered most questions with clarity and focus. Confident.	Some responses were not focused and clear.	Unclear with responses and very scattered.	___ x .10
	Ratings H – <u>2.75 - 3.00</u> M – <u>2.50 - 2.74</u> L – <u>1.75 - 2.49</u>				Overall Score	_____

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I am applying for the Christian Disciple Scholarship with the understanding that the money will apply to my expenses at any accredited College/ University/ Technical College in the Country.

Date:

Applicant's Full Name :

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Church Currently Attending:

Minister's Name:

High School Attended:

GPA: Weighted
& Unweighted

College Preference:

Accepted?

Second Choice:

Accepted?

Third Choice:

Accepted?

What course of study do you plan to pursue?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

If yes, please explain:

What role does Church play in your life? Describe your involvement in Church.
(Attendance, Sunday School, Worship, Youth Fellowship, Committees, Church Missions/
Building Teams, Christian Service Activities/ C.C.C. etc).

Please list all Community Service Activities that you have been involved in. (Boy/Girl
Scouts, Relay for Life, Hospice, Grace of God, Camps, etc.)

Activity/Mission	Your Role	Time Involved

Please list the High School Activities that you have taken an active part in. (Clubs, athletics, debate, drama, music, art, student government, student assistants, tutoring, awards received, offices held, honors, etc.)

Activity	Your Role	Time Involved

Employment History (Please include all employment, part time, after school, week-ends, summer, etc.)

Job Description	Dates of Employment	Employer

