

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
Scholarship Program
GUIDELINES

Union Baptist Church of Mystic, CT offers scholarships to members of its church family to help defray the cost of education, enrichment and spiritual growth. The program operates on an endowment fund specifically created and maintained by the church for this purpose. The amount of the scholarships is determined in part by the number of requests and the interest income generated in a given year by the fund's principal.

The scholarship program can support the following:

- Post-secondary education
- Employment & Career Training
- Mission Trips
- Denominational Conferences
- Music Conferences
- Spiritual Growth Opportunities
- Camperships
- Enrichment Programs (Music & Art, etc.)
- Other additional requests considered on a case-by-case basis

1. To be eligible for a scholarship award from the Union Baptist Church of Mystic, CT, Scholarship Program, applicants should meet the following criteria:
 - Applicants should have an affiliation with Union Baptist Church, either through active participation or church membership, or be the children, dependents or local grandchildren of church members and participants. (See Union Baptist Church Community Scholarship, on page 2 for information on those outside of our immediate church community who may benefit from our scholarships.)
 - Eligibility may be contingent on enrollment, where applicable, in an educational or training program, such as a college or trade school, or registration in a certification or licensing class.
 - Applicants must complete a UBC scholarship application, which provides an opportunity to personalize the request in writing. First-time applicants should also provide a letter of recommendation from two or more church members.
2. As noted, the amount of the scholarships is contingent on the number of requests and the income generated in a given year by the fund's principal. For guidance purposes, college scholarships in recent years have been in the amount of \$500, distributed in two semester installments of \$250. As a rule, the principal should not be used for scholarship awards, although exceptions to this rule may be considered in the event of compelling circumstances.
 - College scholarships are equal for those with the same enrollment status, with the consideration of greater funds given commensurate with enrollment status; applicants who are full-time students may receive more than part-time students.

The amount of all scholarship awards and investment fund balance is subject to regular review by the Youth Leadership Team, taking into account available resources, the rising cost of programs, and outstanding need. The Team may petition the council for additional funds to be disbursed in years where the need is greater than the interest, with the intention to either return the funds to the principal in the future or restrict scholarships in the next year.

The church gratefully accepts donations to the Scholarship Program. Memorial gifts and other donations received for the Scholarship Program will be added to the principal of the scholarship fund unless otherwise specified.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH Community Scholarship

In keeping with the outreach mission of Union Baptist Church of Mystic, CT, a community scholarship has been established to benefit a deserving high school senior from the greater Mystic community. Applicants need not be affiliated with Union Baptist Church, although all other eligibility criteria apply.

The amount of the award is to be determined in advance to allow time to promote the scholarship. The Community Scholarship is intended as an expression of God's abundant love and the many ways in which we, as a church family, have been blessed to those outside our church community.

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