

LAKE TOXAWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church is a historic Methodist church on Cold Mountain Road on the north side, 0.1 miles northwest of the junction with NC 281 in Lake Toxaway, Transylvania County, North Carolina. (1) Serving the mountain community of Lake Toxaway, NC through worship, fellowship, and service, the church has a membership of 112 and an average attendance of 73. (2)

Background Information and Mission

We, the congregation of Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church, hereafter referred to as LTUMC, give glory to God for honoring us with the opportunity to award scholarships to assist worthy students in continuing their post-secondary education with priority given to students who live in the local area.

LTUMC invites students who meet the requirements contained herein to complete the provided application form and return it to the Scholarship Committee by April 15 of the applicable year with assurance that personal information will remain confidential. Our congregation will honor the recipients of LTUMC scholarships throughout their enrollment in an approved post-secondary program of studies, even if they change their program or school.

We want to share ourselves and our life experiences to these recipients. As our congregation is a deep repository of successful life experience which we can share with our scholars, we want to provide caring volunteers who offer support in addition to the monetary award, which is currently \$1,500 annually for the first year, to be reviewed annually. After we review applications and transcripts, students may be awarded \$2,000 the second year, \$2,500 the third year, and \$3,000 the fourth year.

Our mission is to provide students access to a quality, values-based education that helps them reach their potential, focused on making sure they are college and career ready, and providing opportunities while continuing to support them during and after their college life. Providing guidance and support is an integral part of our scholarship program as we share ourselves spiritually, morally, and professionally with our scholars: helping them build their self-esteem and awareness of themselves and the world around them, identifying a career and setting goals to attain it, and making good decisions. In a student's words: "how to get a good life, get a good job, make good money, and be a good person."

Selection Process

1. The Scholarship Committee (members may be ad hoc) is part of the LTUMC Outreach Committee, and members are nominated by the LTUMC Nominating Committee to serve a three-year term. The Committee selects its chair.
2. The Scholarship Committee reports to the Outreach Committee, who reports to the Administrative Council.
3. Prospective recipients shall apply for this scholarship through the Scholarship Committee of the Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church (LTUMC).
4. Application can be made at any time, but the interview and selection process for the following school year will occur during the months of April and May. Only applications which we receive by April 15th will be considered in that year's selection process.

5. The LTUMC Scholarship Committee may interview applicants who meet the scholarship criteria and will select (a) recipient(s).
6. Upon selection of the appropriate recipient(s),
 - a. The Scholarship Committee will review the Committee's actions with the Outreach Committee.
 - b. The Outreach Committee will include the presentation review in its minutes.
 - c. The Outreach Committee Chair will request payment from the Treasurer of the church for tuition and/or books to be paid directly to the student's chosen college or university.
7. In accepting this scholarship, the recipient(s) gives permission for the college/university/certificate program of choice and Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church to publicize the student's receiving of the scholarship.

Selection Criteria

Recipients of this scholarship should meet the following criteria. Please read carefully and inform the Committee how each relates to you:

1. The student must be enrolled or has been accepted by a college/university/certification program.
2. Priority will be given applicants from the greater Toxaway area (including, but not limited to, the local communities of Lake Toxaway, Balsam Grove, Rosman, Quebec, and Sapphire); and Transylvania County who
 - a. Have need for financial assistance,
 - b. Have records of academic achievement,
 - c. Seek to learn a trade, earn a certification, or complete a college degree in approved post-secondary institutions, and
 - d. Are recommended by their school's faculty.
3. Financial need shall be a primary consideration. It is expected that the applicant shall apply for financial aid at the college/university/certification program including federal student aid.
4. Consideration shall be given to the candidate's involvement in extracurricular activities.
5. This scholarship is presented to a student regardless of sex, race, or age.

Provisions

This scholarship may usually be retained not to exceed four (4) consecutive academic years provided the undergraduate or master's degree program recipient meets the following requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of twelve (12) credits per semester/quarter.
2. It is the responsibility of each recipient of the award to notify the LTUMC Scholarship Committee with an official transcript of his/her grades at the end of each academic year.
3. If the recipient withdraws from the education institution before completion of the school year, the recipient will be required to notify the Committee immediately of such withdrawal and may be required to reimburse the LTUMC Scholarship Committee for the scholarship awarded for that school year.

4. Further consideration may be given to students continuing into advanced studies, i.e., seeking a master's degree, teacher certification, or other advanced degrees

Application Procedures

An application form is provided below. This application includes only basic information. On an attached letter (minimum of 150 words) please discuss yourself and your life objectives including especially the following:

1. Your educational goals.
2. Your career goals.
3. Your reason(s) for applying, including financial need.
4. Any of the criteria/requirements listed in the list above that you could not meet, your plans for corrective action, and further circumstances that you feel the Committee should be made aware.
5. Please attach copies of
 - a. A letter of recommendation by at least one faculty member/former teacher and
 - b. Transcripts for work already completed.

Mail TO BE RECEIVED no later than April 15 (of applicable year of application) to:

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 83

Lake Toxaway, NC 28747

PLEASE KEEP THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

(1) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Toxaway_Methodist_Church

(2) <https://www.wnccumc.org/churchdetail/2165618>

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those

who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." - Isaiah 40:28-31

TIMELINE OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

- January 31—deadline for committee’s giving the current scholarship application to the guidance counselor of Rosman High School and to post on LTUMC Website.
- March 15—deadline for our sending form for reapplication to current scholarship recipients.
- April 15—last day for applicants to submit scholarship applications to LTUMC Scholarship Committee.
- April 16-May 9--LTUMC Scholarship Interviews
- May 10—deadline for LTUMC Outreach to present names of current year recipients to the guidance counselor at Rosman High School (and other schools).
- May 25—last day for current scholarship recipients to reapply for the next academic year, including submission of current academic transcript.
- End of May—members of the LTUMC Scholarship Committee attend Rosman High School Senior Awards Ceremony to present current year’s scholarship(s).
- June-July--LTUMC Scholarship Committee submits names of scholarship recipients and their choice-of-school information to LTUMC Treasurer.
- As soon as we have a new list of scholarship recipients, the Scholarship Committee will update prayer bookmarks.
- June-July-Ongoing--LTUMC Scholarship Committee presents scholarship recipients to congregation and “match” members with current scholarship recipients.
- June-July-August-Ongoing—LTUMC Scholars visit during Sunday worship services.
- July-August—dates vary for LTUMC Treasurer to send scholarship checks to Financial Aid Offices.
- End of August—LTUMC Scholarship Committee contacts current scholarship recipients to update their information, including campus addresses and wish lists and share this information with the congregation.
- Fall-- LTUMC Scholarship Committee plan get-together with scholarship recipients?
- Quarterly-- LTUMC Scholarship Committee meets to review, evaluate, and plan.

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

**TO BE COMPLETED AFTER YOU AND YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) HAVE READ THE LAKE TOXAWAY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

We have read the LTUMC Scholarship Program Description and agree with the selection criteria, provisions, and application procedures.

Agreed to _____ (date)

Applicant signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Printed name(s): _____

APPLICATION FOR LTUMC SCHOLARSHIP

Your signature at the end of the application indicates to us that you are willing to accept our support.

FULL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ E-mail address: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: MOBILE: _____ HOME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME/S: _____

Father/Guardian's occupation and place of work: _____

Mother/Guardian's occupation and place of work: _____

Number of dependents in your household: _____

NAME OF CHOSEN SCHOOL: _____

MAJOR AREA/S OF STUDY as indicated on your chosen school's application: _____

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) HELP YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

STATE YOUR NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

STATE THE COST OF YOUR CHOSEN SCHOOL'S

- TUITION _____ per _____ (quarter/semester/year)--CIRCLE ONE
- ROOM AND BOARD _____ per _____ (quarter/semester/year)--CIRCLE ONE
- TEXTBOOKS _____ per _____ (quarter/semester/year)--CIRCLE ONE

WHAT IS YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)'S EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR EDUCATION?

WHAT IS YOUR GPA? _____ WHAT IS YOUR CLASS RANK? _____

*HAVE COUNSELOR ATTACH MOST RECENT SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

IN WHAT CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SPORTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED DURING HIGH SCHOOL?

WHAT POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP HAVE YOU HELD DURING HIGH SCHOOL (IN SCHOOL OR IN YOUR COMMUNITY)?

WHAT HONORS/RECOGNITIONS HAVE YOU RECEIVED DURING HIGH SCHOOL (IN SCHOOL OR IN YOUR COMMUNITY)?

WHAT COMMUNITY SERVICE HAVE YOU PERFORMED?

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A CHURCH/SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER FAITH BASED ORGANIZATION? ____ YES ____ NO

EXPLAIN YOUR PARTICIPATION (IF ANY)

Your Signature

Date

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, PLEASE CALL FRED MARKERT (828-553-3303) OR ELIZABETH DICE (713-254-0234) THANK YOU!

ANY REMARKS THAT YOU WISH TO ADD: