

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Scholarships that Require Application

First Christian Church (DOC) of Columbia, has had a long and deeply held commitment to education from its beginnings in 1832. One of the specific ways in which that commitment has been expressed is through scholarships that are available each year to High School seniors and college students.

We invite you to apply for the scholarship(s) that you are eligible to receive by completing the attached form and returning it along with your transcript(s) and written materials to the church office. Recipients will be notified of their selection and the amount of the scholarships shortly after that time from the Church Scholarship and Awards Committee who administers all of these awards. Please call the church office if you have any questions at (573) 449-7265.

175th Anniversary Scholarship – Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri, who are graduating high school seniors or undergraduate college students in any major field of study are eligible for this scholarship. Academic promise and financial need will be considered.

The Tommy L. Kubach Scholarship – Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri, who are planning to enter the field of social work or nursing are eligible for this scholarship that is awarded annually. Preference will be given to students who are entering their freshman or sophomore years of college. If the scholarship is not presented to a freshman or sophomore, consideration will be given to junior or senior applicants. Students who have received this scholarship are eligible to apply for the award again.

The Ann and Jim Linn Jr. Scholarship – Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri are eligible for this scholarship which was founded in the year 2007. Applicants may be in their senior year of high school or college. Preference will be given to students with greater financial needs.

The Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship - Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri, are eligible for this scholarship which was founded in the year 2000. Applicants may be in their senior year of high school or a freshman or sophomore in college. The scholarship may be used at any accredited college or university or at any accredited technical or trade school. The selection committee will take into account the following when awarding the scholarship:

- 1.) Academic performance in high school or college.
- 2.) Participation in extra curricular activities.
- 3.) Service to the community and church.

This award will be granted to the applicant with the greatest financial need if all other criteria are equal.

The Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship – This scholarship was established in 2004 for a senior in high school who is an active member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia. The applicant needs to plan to pursue a career in the Social Services or in Education. He or she must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale. The recipient(s) will be notified of the award total in May.

The John Ridgeway Scholarship –Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri, are eligible for this scholarship. There are no restrictions on this scholarship and students who have received it are eligible to apply for the award again.

The Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship – This scholarship was established in 2001 to award a member of First Christian who is pursuing a college degree in the field of education, either in teaching or administration. The applicants must be enrolling at an accredited college or university. The fund will be awarded annually with preference given to students who are entering their freshman or sophomore years of college. If the scholarship is not presented to a freshman or sophomore, consideration will be given to junior or senior applicants. Students who have received this scholarship are eligible to apply for the award again. The selection committee will take into consideration the following when awarding the scholarship:

- 1.) Academic performance in high school or college.
- 2.) Participation in extra curricular school activities.
- 3.) Service to the community and church.

The Mildred Ray Shrou Memorial Scholarship – The purpose of this fund is to provide a scholarship for a graduating senior in high school or a college student studying education. Preference will be given to a student seeking teacher certification in Social Studies or U.S. History. The scholarship does not need to be awarded each year; however, the same person may receive the scholarship for up to four years.

The Larry Brooker Memorial Ministry Scholarship – The purpose of the fund is to encourage men and women to prepare for careers in ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by providing financial support to those who are engaged in seminary education. Scholarships from the fund will be awarded on an annual basis to members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Preference for awards are given in the following order:

- 1.) Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri.
- 2.) Persons with close ties to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia.
- 3.) Those persons whose residence is in the Region of Mid-America and whose membership is in a Disciples of Christ congregation of the Region of Mid-America.

To apply for this scholarship, contact the office of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Application should be made by **June 1** for the next academic year. Please note that this deadline is different from the scholarships listed above.

Whitaker-Ferguson Scholarship – An award will be made to one student at Rockbridge and Hickman High Schools to be applied to tuition, fees and/or books for further education. To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must be an active member of some church, in need of assistance for education in some institution of higher learning, and must apply for the scholarship through his or her respective high school guidance office by the school's scholarship deadline. Preference will be given to those who are aspiring to the ministry or other full time religious work, nursing, medicine, teaching, and other service vocations.

The Norma Miller / Drennan Singers Music Scholarship – Active members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who are high school graduating seniors planning to pursue a degree in music (education or performance) may apply. Undergraduate or graduate-level college students majoring in music may also apply. Those who have previously received the scholarship are eligible to apply again. Additional selection criteria include academic promise, participation in the music ministry of First Christian Church, and financial need.