

# **Grace United Methodist Church Mansfield Scholarship Ministry Application and Guidelines**

**Return Application and Essay no later than  
July 31, 2023**

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# Grace United Methodist Church Mansfield Scholarship Guidelines

## DEFINITION

A scholarship is a grant of money or a gift awarded to encourage and educate capable young people, so they may become a productive asset to the community and world.

## I. PURPOSE

- A. This Ministry is a compensatory effort that focuses on assisting Grace United Methodist Church members who are actively involved and participating in worship service, Bible study, and/or various ministries in the Church.
- B. This scholarship is not based on academic achievement but to encourage all students to attain a higher education. Eligible students must be enrolled for a minimum of nine (9) credit hours per semester in an accredited college or university.
- C. **This scholarship is not available to applicants who are enrolled in a non-degree trade or vocational technical school.**

## II. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Each applicant will receive a monetary award based on the amount of money in the line item of the church's budget, and the amount collected in the "free will offerings." The 2023-2024 scholarships will be awarded in two payments, one in October for the first - semester and one in March for the second - semester. Recipients must submit official proof of enrollment documents for each semester.

A. This shall be each year for not more than a four (4) year period.

**B. Fifth year applicants will be required to submit, with their application, a letter of explanation or justification for further review and approval by the committee.**

C. This applies to undergraduate students. The applicant must re-apply each year. Each student will receive an equal amount per semester. **Applicants must also provide official enrollment documentation each semester in October and March of each academic year.**

### **III. HOW TO APPLY** (Please read thoroughly and keep with your files.)

A. Submit application by July 31, 2023.

**B. All applicants must submit documentation verifying their college enrollment and return the document to the Grace United Methodist Church, Mansfield Scholarship Committee no later than October 23, 2023 for the first - semester and March 11, 2024 for the second - semester.**

C. Acceptable forms of verification are:

1. A letter from the College Registrar's Office on the institution's letterhead/stationery.
- 2. Enrollment verification documentation should be sent directly from the Registrar's Office, and may be emailed to Elizabeth Fultz at [tuulue@aol.com](mailto:tuulue@aol.com).**

D. First - semester Scholarships checks will be distributed on October 30, 2023, and second - semester Scholarship checks will be distributed on March 18, 2024, to students who have met all requirements and submitted the required documentation.

E. All applicants must be a member of Grace United Methodist Church. It is also important for applicants to actively support and participate in the church.

F. Applicants must carry a minimum of nine (9) credit hours per semester. **(Note: Failure to meet any of the specified requirements would result in the scholarship being denied.)**

#### **IV. HOW WILL I BE EVALUATED?**

Working as a team, the Mansfield Scholarship Ministry members will evaluate each student's application and essay.

#### **V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

First - semester Scholarship checks will be distributed October 30, 2023, and March 18, 2024 for the second – semester students, who have met all requirements and submitted the required documentations.