

## THE WENTWORTH SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE AND GOAL

The Wentworth Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarship assistance for training or education beyond the high school level in an accredited school or training center to an individual who is a member or who regularly attends the United Methodist Church of Auburn.

**Eligibility:** Any church member or individual who participates in the life of the United Methodist Church of Auburn.

**Award:** The scholarship shall be awarded by a Scholarship Committee to be comprised of the Pastor, the Christian Education Director, the chairpersons of the Board of Trustees and the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the Lay Leader. Announcement of the awarding of the scholarship will be made in late May or early June.

In determining the recipient of the scholarship, the Committee shall consider: the applicant's academic and personal achievements; their participation in the life of the church; financial need.

**Payment:** The amount of the scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient at the start of the recipient's second term or semester and will usually take place in a worship service on the first Sunday of the year.

**Amount:** The Scholarship Committee shall determine the amount of the scholarship(s), which shall be a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$2,500 per recipient, and will include the full amount of the annual yield of the invested fund, not to exceed \$2,500 per recipient. Scholarship money not awarded in one year shall be available for award the following year, after which it shall become part of the principle of the fund.

**Application:** Application shall be made in writing to the Pastor by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The application should contain: applicant's name, age, prospective school, career objectives (if known), any office held or activities performed in the church, and a brief essay on why this applicant feels the scholarship is deserved. Essays should address one or more of the following selection criteria: academic and/or personal achievements; participation in the life of the church; financial need.

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