

## GLYNDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Mission Statement:** Learning and personal growth are life-long endeavors. Glyndon United Methodist Church is committed to helping church members live full, balanced lives as Christian individuals. Members of the congregation are encouraged to discover the unity of faith and a quest for knowledge. Through education, church members may investigate personal options and pursue various paths, while living the life of a committed Christian, serving as a witness by example and deeds in society at large.

**PURPOSE:** Glyndon United Methodist Church (GUMC) has established a Scholarship Fund as an incentive to stimulate individual members of GUMC to further their education.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- A.** Scholarship monies will be the **income** from an endowment and other funds made available to the church, usually from *bequests* or by *donations* from members of the congregation.
- B.** The Scholarship Committee plans to award scholarship(s) annually, at the discretion of the committee, to qualified applicants, through a selection process.
- C.** **Anyone**, *regardless* of age or career goal, is eligible and may apply --- providing he/she is a member of Glyndon United Methodist Church. This might include teenagers, parents, or even grandparents; new or “old” members; single or married individuals; senior citizens; and/or someone in the midst of a career transition.
- D.** **New applicants** are encouraged to apply each year; former recipients will be considered on a “rotating basis,” but new applicants will be given preference in awards.
- E.** Glyndon United Methodist Church will forward scholarship monies *directly* to *recipient(s)*, trusting that their awarded funds will be applied to tuition, books, or related expenses.
- F.** The **Scholarship Committee** shall consist of five to seven members of GUMC, with the Pastor serving in an ex-officio capacity. The Administrative Council of GUMC will be kept informed of the activities of the Committee, as will members of the congregation.
- G.** Further monies can and should be added to the **corpus** of the **endowment** (i.e., principal) via memorial gifts, honoraria, bequests, or other contributions from the congregation.

### **GUIDELINES for APPLICANTS:**

- I.** **Primary consideration** will be given to members of Glyndon Methodist Church who *participate* in the *activities* and *life* of the church. The *essential* ingredient in an eligible applicant is an obvious **commitment** to one’s **faith** and the **Church**, serving as a fine witness of Christ.
- II.** Applicants will generally be high school seniors, or recent graduates, with **satisfactory academic performance** (e.g. report card grades, transcript, SAT/ACT scores, etc.) – but the Committee wants to stress that **any student**, of **any age**, may apply.
- III.** Evidence of **scholastic achievement** *or* outstanding **aptitude** in a particular field will also be considered. This may be in the academic or vocational realm and may include secondary grades, success at the *college* or *graduate* level, or excellence in an *occupation*.
- IV.** **Civic, community, and school activities** also indicate commitment to one’s local and global society. Leadership, character, personal values, and **service to others** are of interest to the committee. One’s application, essays, and interview will contribute to a complete picture.
- V.** Three (3) **Letters of Recommendation** must be submitted with the application: one from a *GUMC member*, another from *someone* in the *community* who knows the applicant well, and a third from a teacher, employer, neighbor, or other *unrelated person*.
- VI.** Applications, transcripts, and letters of recommendation must be received by April 1, 2021. After an initial screening, semi-finalists will be invited to **interview** in early May.



**III. ACTIVITIES**

(High School and/or last four years. Type of involvement, offices, etc.)

A. CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

B. SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

C. COMMUNITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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D. ACHIEVEMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

E. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

(One from each category. List name of person who will be writing. Submit letters with application.)

Church Member (unrelated) \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Community (unrelated) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Employer (unrelated) \_\_\_\_\_

**V. ESSAY:**

On a separate, attached sheet, briefly highlight any additional information you feel would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee. (e.g., Educational goals; Personal goals; Additional information and/or circumstances in your life; etc.)

**DEADLINE:**

This application, three (3) letters of recommendation, and transcripts of academic records (see form below) must be received by April 1. Shortly thereafter, the Scholarship Committee will be in touch with you to schedule an interview, to be held at the church, at a mutually agreeable time.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that I am a member of Glyndon United Methodist Church, and that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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(Detach here. Give to School.)

**ACADEMIC RECORDS:**

(from High Schools and any post-High Schools)

I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (school) to release my academic records to the Glyndon United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 84, Glyndon, MD 21071.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature)

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(Adult Signature, if applicant is under 18)