



# NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Offering Better Life Through Christ*

### **Scholarship Committee By-Laws**

#### **Purpose of Ministry:**

The purpose of the committee is to glorify God by ensuring that scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing higher education (trade, professional, college) and in doing so spreading the gospel by exemplifying a Godly life on the campus to which they will be sent.

#### **Objectives:**

1. To be good stewards of the funds entrusted to the church through the Foundation or one-time donations as they pertain to scholarships of individuals wishing to pursue higher education (trade, college, professional, etc.).
2. To adhere to any guidelines put forth in the establishment of the endowments.

#### **Board:**

The committee will be comprised of members:

- Chairperson, appointed by Lay Leadership Development (voting)
- Senior Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Youth Minister
- Endowment Committee Chair
- 7 members that represent the congregation of NUMC.

Board Members should not have members of their direct family participating in the scholarship application process as to avoid the appearance of bias and/or favoritism. Board members may remove themselves during years in which a family member is an applicant but must inform Lay Leadership Development.

Meetings of the Board shall take place upon call by the Chair with notice to all board members. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The responsibility and the authority of the Board, in consultation with endowment guidelines, shall be to:

- A) Prayerfully consider all applicants and determine scholarship recipients
- B) Provide a scholarship application that allows applicants to adequately demonstrate the depth of their faith, service to the church body and community as a whole, and calling that they feel led towards.
- C) Make applications available through the church website and church office.
- D) Set and adhere to a deadline for application submission to the church office.
- E) Present scholarships to recipients on Graduation Sunday.
- F) Maintain records of meetings.
- G) Notify church administration of scholarship recipient(s). Administration will transfer money.

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**Funds:**

Funds are received from interest on endowments and one-time gifts.

**Scholarship Applicants:**

Applicants for NUMC Scholarship Funds must be graduating high school seniors who have been members of NUMC for at least one year for consideration.

**Application and Review Procedure:**

- A. Applications will be reviewed by the Board.
- B. Awards will be determined by the applicant's involvement and participation in the life of the church.
- C. Awards are not based on the applicant's age, race, financial status or gender. Neither the type of higher education being pursued, the religious affiliation (if any) of the school, or academic achievement shall be considered basis for awards.
- D. Earned interest on endowments and one-time scholarship gifts may be disbursed as an award to one applicant or divided among more than one applicant.
- E. If all funds are not disbursed or no qualified applicant is identified, that year's income may be added to the principle of the Scholarship Fund.

**Presentation of Awards**

Scholarship recipients will be announced on Graduation Sunday. The generous donors will also be recognized by the name of the endowment with no one endowment to be elevated over any other endowment.