

Scholarship Policy Draft

Fishcreek Nazarene Church believes that our youth are not just the future of the church, they are also an important part of the present church and its goal to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the nations. To support our youth, Fishcreek has created a policy to award scholarships as a symbol of love and support to eligible students. This policy is based on the availability of Church resources and may be adjusted or suspended at any time per the discretion of the Church Board and under the Leadership of the Lead Pastor and/or District Superintendent.

An annual award of <INSERT FUNDING AMOUNT HERE NOT EXCEEDING \$1000 A YEAR PER STUDENT> will be awarded to Students who meet the following criteria:

1. Recipients must be members of Fishcreek Nazarene Church, in good standing as defined by the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene for a period of not less than four years. Service and/or other considerations in lieu of the full four-year duration of membership may be considered at the discretion of the church board under the leadership of the lead pastor on a case by case basis
2. Recipients must be between the ages of 18-25 years old and have not previously earned a bachelor's or advanced degree
3. Recipients must be enrolled in good standing in an Accredited University, College or Trade School. For the purposes of this policy, Accredited is defined as an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
4. Recipients must attest in writing that they will use scholarship funds for tuition, books or course fees, and must provide documentation that funds were used for such purposes. Funding may not be used for Room and Board purposes. Failure to do so upon request of the church board will result in the recipient receiving a 1099-MISC if funding exceeds \$600.00
5. Scholarship funds will be capped at four cumulative years. The four years do not need to be consecutive.

The Scholarship application and award process shall be as follows:

1. Annually, prior to the start of the fall semester, An announcement will be made from the pulpit that scholarships for the upcoming school year, and that applicants may submit a request in writing to the church board
2. Prospective recipients must annually communicate their desire to be considered for a scholarship in written form. The request should include the recipients full name, university, college, or trade school they are attending, and major focus of study. Request will include attestation by the intended recipient the they will use funds for tuition, books or fees only and must be signed and dated.
3. Applicants will be reviewed in a regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Board. Approved recipients will be recorded in the Church Board Meeting Minutes.
4. Applications will be reviewed against policy criteria and approval will be determined by a vote of the church board, in accordance with quorum and meeting requirements. Church board members who are related to applicants (defined as parents, grandparents, siblings, or spouse) will recuse themselves from voting on said applicant.
5. The church will disperse approved funds directly to the University, College or Trade School on behalf of the recipient. No funds will be dispersed directly to the recipient or his/her family.