

**Harris United Methodist Church**  
**The Christian Education Scholarship Program**  
**Purpose & Guidelines**

**Description & Purpose:**

The Christian Education Scholarship Program was created to provide financial aid to persons who are pursuing education beyond high school. The scholarship(s) are funded by the earnings from three (3) funds: The Onishi Christian Education Fund, the Tanabe Family, and the Kokame Benevolence Fund. The Spiritual Formation Ministries of Harris United Methodist Church is the beneficiary of the earnings from these funds, which are managed by the Harris Foundation. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded for each scholarship are dependent upon the dividends earned by the fund during the previous calendar year.

The scholarships are meant to help subsidize financial needs and are not intended to fund the entire cost of tuition. The scholarship program is open to persons who are accepted or enrolled at an approved/accredited institution. Recipient(s) will be selected based on the following eligibility requirements.

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Is a member/constituent of Harris United Methodist Church as indicated by a letter of recommendation from the respective Pastor, or
2. Is a member/constituent of a Hawaii District United Methodist Church as indicated by a letter of recommendation from the respective Pastor of the Hawaii District UMC that applicant attends.
3. Has not previously received this scholarship. Persons who applied but did not receive the scholarship are eligible to re-apply.
4. Is currently enrolled or accepted at an accredited institution (as indicated by transcript submission).

**Procedures:**

1. Applications are available on the church website: [harrisumc.org](http://harrisumc.org) (link: Christian Education).
2. The following must accompany the application for full consideration:
  - a. Current academic transcript. Be advised: Report cards are not transcripts.
  - b. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one (1) of which is from the Pastor of the Hawaii District United Methodist Church of which applicant is a member/constituent.
  - c. No longer than one (1) page personal statement indicating the following:
    - 1) applicant's career plans & objectives,
    - 2) current activities, contributions, past or present participation/involvements that help applicant in pursuing the career objectives.
3. Email by April 30, 2019 to:  
[harrisumc808welcome@gmail.com](mailto:harrisumc808welcome@gmail.com)
4. Applicant will be notified by email from the Scholarship Coordinator by May 15, 2019.