

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 Education Ministries of Harris United Methodist Church is the beneficiary of the earnings from both 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 each 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. Recipients 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 your Pastor, or
2. Is a member/constituent of a United Methodist Church as indicated by a letter of recommendation from your Pastor.
3. Has not have previously received this scholarship.
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 (link: Christian Education) or from the church office.
2. The following must accompany the application for full consideration:
 - a. Current or most recent academic transcript.
 - b. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one (1) of which is from the Pastor of your United Methodist Church.
 - c. One 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, 2017 to:
cherylyamamoto@gmail.com
4. You will be notified by a letter from the Education Ministries Chair postmarked by May 15, 2017.