

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Scholarship Application Packet for 2016

Application Deadline: **Monday, March 21, 2016**

Checklist

To process your application, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Office must have the following application components by the above deadline:

- ✓ **Completed application form**
- ✓ **Essay**
- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation**
- ✓ **High school transcript(s)**
- ✓ **Statement of Financial Need**

Completed application and materials may be mailed or delivered to:

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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
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Palo Alto, CA 94306-4546
(650)493-0900
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About St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Scholarship

Our vision is to provide an opportunity for a high school senior to pursue further education, develop talents and give back to the community.

This is an academic scholarship, in the amount of \$500 for St. Andrew's youth and \$1,000 for Palo Alto and Mountain View community high school seniors. The scholarship is designed for a graduating senior who has been accepted at an institution of higher learning. This can be a community college as well as a 4-year institution. Financial need, community service and leadership qualities will be strong considerations.

Selection Criteria

A committee made up of church members will select the scholarship recipient based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Statement of financial need
- Quality of essay and recommendations
- Community service and leadership background
- Member of local community or St. Andrew's UMC Church
- Submission of all application packet components

Essay

This is a personal essay, 1 to 3 pages double-spaced. Please tell us about your long-range goals and thoughts about potential careers. Include some characteristics about yourself that you feel will help you succeed in higher education and why you want to go to college. Write about activities you have been involved in such as employment, leadership roles, community service and church. Other information to add if relevant: any accomplishments or awards in which you take pride; any challenges you have faced and how you have responded to them; financial hardships you face; any additional information that would help the selection committee.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required, one from a teacher, adviser or counselor and one from a work or volunteer supervisor, youth leader or adult acquaintance. All letters should be signed and dated. Photocopies are acceptable. See the enclosed Recommendation Form to give to your references to help them in writing the letters.

Statement of Financial Need

On a separate sheet, please indicate the estimated annual cost of attending your college of choice, including tuition, fees, room and board, transportation, books, etc. List any grants or scholarships you have already received for the upcoming academic year. Please also describe any special circumstances that affect your family's ability to pay for college. These may include medical expenses, unemployment, single head of

household, etc. If you have filled out the FAFSA form and would like to include any part of that form which might help the committee, feel free to do that. It is not a requirement.

Application Procedures

1. Download the application from our website at www.standrewsumcpaloalto.org
2. Submit the application no later than 5 PM on Monday, March 21, 2016. All transcripts, letters of recommendation, financial statements, and student essays are due by the deadline. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.
3. The Scholarship award will be announced in May at the high school scholarship and award ceremony.

Award Disbursement

A check will be issued either directly to the student recipient or directly to the school of choice, depending on the preference of the award recipient. It is our tradition to invite scholarship winners to a church service and potluck luncheon in June honoring graduates and give the check at that time.

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant General Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address _____ Birth date: _____

Gender: Female Male

Education

High School Name: _____ Graduation date: _____

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college? Yes No

Education Institution you plan to attend in Fall of 2016:

First Choice: _____ Second Choice _____

When will you receive notification of acceptance? _____

What do you consider to be your academic strengths? _____

School Involvement

Please list school-related activities in which you have participated. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

Community Involvement

Please list the principal community activities in which you have been involved. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

Employment

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history.

| Employer | Position | Dates of Employment |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |

Signature

All of the information I have provided in this application is accurate and is subject to verification by the scholarship committee at its discretion.

Student: _____

Date: _____

St. Andrew's UMC Scholarship Recommendation Form

Student's Name: _____

Length of time acquainted: _____ Relationship to the applicant: _____

Recommender's Name and Phone: _____

Recommender's Address: _____

To the recommender: Scholarships are awarded on the basis of educational goals, academic performance, promise of achievement, community/church service, and financial need. The scholarship is designed to recognize accomplishments and to provide incentive and encouragement to students. Please be specific regarding your knowledge of the applicant. Your letter may include your knowledge of the student regarding the following areas:

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