

Application for the
SHOLUND ESTATE Scholarship
(Made possible by a bequest from Alice Sholund)

The deadline for applications for the Sholund Estate Scholarship is **April 1, 2026**.

One recipient shall be awarded a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) Scholarship in Spring 2026 for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. This Scholarship is made possible by a bequest from Alice Sholund. She intended that it be distributed to a member of Saint Stephens pursuing higher education, as a Scholarship payable to an individual to be selected by the Staats Scholarship Committee, and will be awarded notwithstanding any other scholarships (such as the Staats Memorial Scholarship) that individual may receive.

Requirements

- Must be a graduating high school senior in good standing who has demonstrated good scholastic standards.
- Must be a member of Saint Stephens church who has been **active and faithful** in its ministry.
- Must meet the admission requirements and be accepted by the school of their choice before the award is finalized.

To apply for scholarship consideration, the student must:

- Submit a completed, typed Application by April 1, 2026.
- Complete the Scholarship Application Financial Information portion and submit a copy of your FAFSA (see a high school counselor if you need help with this requirement).
- Submit your typed Faith Journey commentary.
- Submit a typed Narrative Personal Essay sharing your career goals, your faith journey, your plans for your future, and telling us why you are embarking on this particular choice for your future.
- Include a transcript of your high school credits and grades and a statement from your school containing your grade point average and class rank. (See your high school counselor.)
- Submit a typed letter of recommendation from an adult member of Saint Stephens (not a parent) who can attest to your faith journey and why you should be considered for this scholarship.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP DECISIONS AND AMOUNTS ARE MADE ENTIRELY AND SOLELY BY THE
STAATS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

ANSWERS MUST BE TYPED

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1. "Faith" and "Welcome" - Saint Stephens United Church of Christ stands for many things in our community: first and foremost, faith; and second, what we say so often ... being welcoming to all. Because "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here."
2. Please tell us how being a member of Saint Stephens has impacted your faith and/or your faith journey. Tell us about something you heard or learned here that has had an impact on your life and what that impact is/was.
3. "Kindness" - At Saint Stephens, we also emphasize kindness. Being kind in a world that is often not kind. "BE KIND: for everyone is going through something you know nothing about." Tell us about a time you have taken that to heart and what that experience was like.
4. "Action" - Saint Stephens and the greater United Church of Christ also focuses on action. Doing something. Being that person who does something to change the community and the world around us, acting with faith and integrity, helping those who need help, and standing up for those who have no voice. Tell us about a time you've taken some kind of action, big or small, to help someone else or your community.

NARRATIVE PERSONAL ESSAY

On another separate sheet of paper, **type** your full name in the upper right corner (in case it becomes separated from the rest of your application.) Then type a Narrative Personal Essay sharing your career goals, faith journey, and plans for your future, and tell us why you are embarking on this particular choice for your future. Attach your Narrative Personal Essay to this Application.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

I estimate the cost for one year of the college or technical school I wish to attend (including tuition, books, room and board) to be: _____

Of these annual costs, I expect my parents to contribute: _____

Of these annual costs, I will personally be able to contribute: _____

If employment is available, I intend to seek part-time summer employment. Yes ☐ No ☐

If employment is available, I intend to seek part-time work while in school. Yes ☐ No ☐

To the best of my knowledge, the above disclosures are true.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____