

# **The John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship Fund**

## **Information about John D. Beach**

**February 17, 1957 – March 27, 2008**

This scholarship is given in memory of John David Beach. John was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas, where he and his family were active members of First United Methodist Church. In May of 1979 John graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Business Education degree, majoring in accounting. Later that year he moved to Overland Park, Kansas. He became interested in St. Mark's United Methodist Church after visiting and hearing about the church softball team. John joined St. Mark's Church on Easter Sunday, 1980. He became active in worship and Sunday school, and for a few years helped out with the youth. John was one of the senior high youth Sunday school teachers and provided transportation for youth events. He also played on the softball team and went on ski trips and canoe trips with the church. John served on and chaired many committees over the years, including the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Administrative Board, and several long-range planning groups. For many years he helped count the Sunday offerings after church. John also served as Lay Leader, President of United Methodist Men (UMM), and lay member of Annual Conference for several years. John played his cello in church with the choir and as a soloist. He was a member of the Yahoos, a St. Mark's men's choral group, which sang in church services, talent shows, Royals Stadium in 1999 and the 2001 National Gathering of United Methodist Men at Purdue University. In 2003 John became the volunteer treasurer for the church. John served as District Lay Leader for the Kansas City District, which included planning and holding orientation meetings for Lay Members to Annual Conference. John also served as the District UMM treasurer and helped out with the District UMM potato drop which was held several times at St. Mark's. He participated in the District UMM golf outings which raised funds for District UMM projects, including the Society of St. Andrews to help feed the hungry. John was named Disciple of the Month by St. Mark's Church in April 2003. John met his wife, Jean, at St. Mark's in the fall of 1985 and they were married at St. Mark's on March 27, 1988. Their son Brian David was born October 17, 2000 and baptized at St. Mark's December 31, 2000. It was as President of the UMM that John became involved with the scholarship program which the St. Mark's men had started at the church. He was involved with many fund-raising projects for the scholarships, which included chili suppers and talent shows in which he also participated. The John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by gifts from persons seeking to honor John's dedicated service to God, his church and his family.

## **Qualifications for Scholarship Applicants**

1. The applicant shall be a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Overland Park, Kansas.
2. The applicant shall plan to earn a bachelor's or master's degree from a college or university which is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or is on the approved list of another regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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3. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited community college or four-year college or university during the next academic year, with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester for a bachelor's degree, or the school's full-time minimum enrollment requirements for a master's degree. Enrollment at a community college is limited to no more than four semesters, and the courses taken there must qualify for transfer to an accredited four-year college or university.
4. If the student has already earned credit hours at an accredited school of higher education, the student's grade-point average must be at least 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or at a comparable level if grades are given on a scale other than 4.0.

## **Information about the Scholarship**

### **Administration**

The John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Kansas Methodist Foundation, P. O. Box 605, Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-0605, in consultation with the Scholarship Committee of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 6411 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, Kansas.

### **Application Deadline**

April 15 is the deadline for the Scholarship Committee at St. Mark's Church to receive completed applications for the John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship from students who are either graduating high school seniors or who have already earned credit hours at an accredited community college, four-year college or university. The applicant should use the appropriate form, either the "Application Form for Graduating High School Seniors" or the "Application Form for Students who are Currently Attending a Community College, Four-Year College or University."

### **Role of the Scholarship Committee at St. Mark's Church**

At a time between April 15 and May 15, the Scholarship Committee at St. Mark's Church will review all completed applications and then recommend to the Foundation one applicant to receive the benefit of the scholarship for the next academic year.

### **Role of the Foundation**

After verifying the recommend applicant's eligibility, the Foundation will notify the student of his/her selection to receive the John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship for the next academic year. The Foundation will also notify the Scholarship Committee, which will then be authorized to announce it to the congregation. The scholarship will be disbursed directly by the Foundation to the student's school, with one half payable prior to the fall semester and the other half payable prior to the spring semester. The amount of the scholarship award will vary from year to year, depending on the earnings from the John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Foundation.

### **Successive Years**

Each year the application process will be open to all qualified students who desire to apply for the John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship for the next academic year.

# THE JOHN D. BEACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

**FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ATTENDING A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR  
SEMINARY FROM SAINT MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS**

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## *ABOUT JOHN D. BEACH:*

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John served on and chaired many committees over the years, including Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Administrative Board, and several long range planning groups. He served as an offering counter for many years after church. John also served as Lay Leader, President of United Methodist Men (UMM), and lay member of Annual Conference.

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### QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOHN D. BEACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Member of Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, Overland Park, Kansas;
2. Plan to obtain a bachelor's degree as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours per semester) or a master's degree as a full-time student (minimum credit hours as required by college) at an accredited college or university;
3. Students obtaining a bachelor's degree may attend an accredited community college for up to two academic years as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours per semester) with credit hours qualifying for transfer to an accredited college or university.
4. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale for college classes previously completed.
5. Proof of enrollment in at least 12 credit hours per semester at the student's school for the fall and spring semesters
6. **Essay on Life Goals**  
On a separate sheet, write a 250-300 word essay and attach it to the application. The essay should describe the life goals that you want to achieve, what motivates you to have these life goals, and how your college education will contribute toward your achievement of these life goals.
7. **College Transcript**  
Attach a certified copy of your college transcript from each college that you have attended to the application. The transcript must show your academic records for all semesters that you have been enrolled in a college, including the most recently completed semester prior to the date of your application.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR JOHN D. BEACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

#### **Application Deadline:**

Please submit your John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship Application with all required attachments by April 15 to:

**Saint Mark's United Methodist Church**

**Attention: Scholarship Committee**

**6422 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, Kansas 66202**

#### **Scholarship Award:**

The John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Kansas Methodist Foundation, P O Box 605, Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-0605. The Foundation will notify the student receiving the John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship shortly after May 15.

**APPLICATION FOR STUDENTS  
CURRENTLY ATTENDING A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR SEMINARY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell  or Home

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of colleges, universities or community colleges that you have attended:

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Name of college, university, community college or seminary that you plan to attend in the next academic year:

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If you are changing schools, have you applied for enrollment at the above identified school for the next academic year? Yes  No

If you have applied for enrollment, have you been accepted for enrollment at the above identified school? Yes  No

Have not received notification from the school

If you are changing schools, please state the reasons for the change in schools:

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Mailing addresses of the admissions and financial aid offices of the above named school:

ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE:

**Extracurricular activities while attending a college, university, community college or seminary:**

Include all scholastic, extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in while in school. State name of activity or organization you were involved in, starting with the most recent: i.e., Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Intramural Basketball, Boys and Girls Club volunteer.

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**Participation in church and religious activities while attending school:**

Please state the name and city of the church that you are attending while at college, if any, and any religious activities that you are involved in while attending college, such as campus ministry, (If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper to the application):

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**Participation in Saint Mark's United Methodist Church:**

Please describe the ministries and activities that you have participated in at Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, Overland Park, Kansas (If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper to the application):

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**Financial Information:**

Disclosure of personal and family financial information is not required for this scholarship application, but if you desire to share any personal or family financial information for consideration by the scholarship committee, please provide the financial information in the following space, or attach a separate sheet to the application with the financial information.

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**Declaration of Membership:**

By my signature on this application, I hereby affirm that I am a member of the Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, Overland Park, Kansas, and have been a member for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**Student**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Please submit your John D. Beach Memorial Scholarship Application with all required attachments to:

**Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, Attention: Scholarship Committee,  
6422 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, Kansas 66202  
by April 15.**