

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Scholarship Program is open to anyone pursuing post-secondary education. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.

Application forms will be distributed through and returned to the church office.

Deadlines for return of applications will be 12:00 pm (noon) on **March 1**.

The Scholarship Committee and the pastor will select the award winner(s).

The entire scholarship award will be sent to the institution where the student will be attending in the fall, after proof of enrollment and address of the institution are provided by the student.

The amount of the scholarship(s) will be determined by the Scholarship Committee depending on the funds available.

Information about the scholarship(s) will be publicized in the church newsletter, bulletins and on the website in February.

Previous First United Methodist Church Scholarship winners may apply for a second scholarship:

- Providing they still meet the scholarship guidelines
- Only one previous winner will be selected each year
- Only two scholarships may be awarded to the same person
- A college transcript of the previous semester(s)
- Three recommendation letters (one from someone associated with the college you are attending)

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Plans to pursue post-secondary education
2. Active involvement in the First United Methodist Church of North Platte, Nebraska
3. Financial Need
4. Scholastic ability
5. Leadership ability
6. Previous First United Methodist Church winners:
Involvement in church related activities in the community where you attend school. Examples might include: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Life, college and/or church choirs, community volunteer work.

Date received in office: _____

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

1600 West E Street
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 532-1478
firstchurchnp.com

Date of this application: _____

Instructions:

1. Application must be postmarked by **March 1** of the academic year for which you are applying.
2. The application should be typed.
3. You must include a copy of your high school/college transcript with this application.
4. Provide two letters of reference; to be returned to First United Methodist Church by 12:00 pm (noon) on **March 1**.
5. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. It is the student's responsibility to ensure all materials are submitted on time.

Scholarship(s) for which you are applying:

First UMC Foundation Scholarship

Eloise Schwab Scholarship

A. Personal Information

Name of Applicant: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Permanent Address: _____
(Street & Number) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____

B. Family Information

Parent/ Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/ Guardian Occupation: _____
(Father/Guardian)

(Mother/Guardian)

Number of Immediate Family Members Enrolled in College: _____

Number of Immediate Family Members at Home: _____

C. Education

High School Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ GPA: _____ ACT: _____

Name of college enrolled or entering: _____

What year of college/graduate school will you be entering? _____ GPA: _____

What is your major or intended major? _____

What occupational field? _____

Is this Christian service related? Yes No

Explain how: _____

D. Employment and Extracurricular Activities

Please attach a resume which includes:

- Jobs, including summer employment, you have held in the past three or four years.
- School honors, offices held and extracurricular activities.
- A description of your activities for the past two summers, other than any work listed above.

E. Essay

On an attached sheet, describe your plans for the future, and any extenuating circumstances that the Scholarship Committee needs to know. Also, describe where have you witnessed God's presence in your life in the last six months.

F. Church Information

Name of church currently attending _____

City _____ State _____

In which ministries of the church you are attending do you regularly participate?

G. References

Please list the names and addresses of two (2) personal references and mail the attached reference form to each. Each reference should mail the form directly back to First United Methodist Church before 12:00 pm (noon) on **March 1**. One reference should be from a teacher or guidance counselor and one should be from a pastor, youth director or church member.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

H. Eloise Schwab Scholarship Qualifications

If you are applying for the Eloise Schwab Scholarship please describe how you qualify for an award based on the criteria established for the scholarship.

I. Financial Information

Name and address of institution you will be attending:

Tuition (Annual): \$ _____

Other (Room, Board, Books): \$ _____

Total Annual Expenses: \$ _____

Are you expecting to receive any other financial assistance? Yes No

Other Grants Received (Source): _____

Financial Aid Package Received:

\$ _____ Grant

\$ _____ Work Study

\$ _____ Loan

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Date Received In Office: _____

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - REFERENCE FORM**

**1600 West E Street
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Applicant's Name: _____

Reference Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please write a recommendation letter on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form. Please include the student's name on the letter. In your letter of reference, please assess the applicant's potential as a college student. You should consider previous accomplishments, intellectual independence, capacity for analytical thinking, ability to work with others, ability to organize and express ideas clearly, and drive and motivation.

Please explain in what capacity you have known the applicant and for what time period.

This form should be returned to First United Methodist Church at the address above, in an envelope, sealed and signed, no later than 12:00 pm (noon) on **March 1**.

Signature

Date

Please return this CONFIDENTIAL form directly to the church office by 12:00 pm (noon) on **March 1**.

Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund
First United Methodist Church Foundation
North Platte, Nebraska
Established on August 1, 2014

Eloise Schwab

The Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund commemorates an exceptional educator whose life work was to positively impact her students at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Nebraska.

Eloise Schwab was born during the Great Depression in Grover, Colorado to German-Russian immigrants. She was raised by a single mother, Katie, who often worked multiple jobs in order to provide for herself and her daughter. Even though times were hard, education was highly valued by Eloise and her family.

Eloise attended Colorado State College (now University of Northern Colorado). She was the first in her family to graduate from college and the first to receive a master's degree, both in Business Education. She was a role model to younger cousins and family members, particularly other females in her family.

After graduation, Eloise taught in Swink, Colorado and Bayard, Nebraska until she found her fit in North Platte in 1967, first at North Platte Junior College and then at Mid-Plains Community College when it was created in 1973. She was part of the first faculty of North Platte Junior College in 1967.

At Mid-Plains Community College, Eloise established the Secretarial Science program which later became the Business Education program. She later served as the Business Education Coordinator. She was an educator at Mid-Plains Community College for 32 of the 46 years she was an educator.

The Mid-Plains Community College's mission really reflects the values that Eloise also shared: an accessible, quality education that improved life for people and communities.

Eloise was an active participant in the North Platte community. She was a charter member of the local chapter of Business and Professional Women. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of North Platte. Her gift demonstrates the value she placed on education, thriftiness and community.



Scholarship Purpose And Guidelines

The Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund was established on August 1, 2014 in celebration of Eloise Schwab's commitment to and compassion for students at the Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Nebraska.

The principal of the initial gift for the Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund shall remain intact for perpetuity. The Foundation of the First United Methodist Church in North Platte, Nebraska shall coordinate the investment of the fund as well as the distribution of scholarships.

Grants may vary in amount each year based on the income generated by the scholarship fund. Grants may be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students with first preference going to students who are members of First United Methodist Church in North Platte, Nebraska and are enrolled at Mid-Plains Community College.

However, grants are not restricted to those who are members of the church. Also, if there are no applicants who intend to enroll at Mid-Plains Community College, grants may be awarded to applicants enrolled in other colleges or universities.

If the income generated by the scholarship fund is adequate to do so, it is the intention of the Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund to award a grant sufficient to cover the expense of full tuition and student fees at Mid-Plains Community College.

Grants from the Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund are offered for one academic year. Previous recipients of the Eloise Schwab Scholarship Fund may apply for additional grants with no restriction on the number of grants awarded to an individual student. All students will apply on-line.

The first scholarship grant was awarded for the 2015/2016 academic year.