

Scholarship Applications

The First Christian Church of Smithville, Missouri, is proud to announce that it is again offering both the First Christian Church Scholarship and the Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller Scholarship Funds for undergraduate students.

The First Christian Church Scholarship Application is available for applicants who have completed 24 college hours and graduated from high school one year ago. (2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required.)

The Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller First Christian Church Scholarship Fund Application is available for high school graduates.

Applications will be available in the church office and online starting March 11, 2020.

✘ Completed scholarship applications are due in the church office *by noon on Friday, April 24, 2020.*

✘ Applications *will not be accepted* after April 24, 2020.

✘ Scholarships will be awarded during worship on Sunday, May 10, 2020. Please be in attendance with your family on that day.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 816-532-0773.

MARGARET WILSON MILLER & DAVID RADER MILLER FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Fund: This Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller First Christian Church Fund (the "Fund") is established by the donation of \$100,000 by our parents. It is our hope that through the continuous scholarship gifts to deserving applicants, our parents' spirit, and their giving nature, can live on in the Church community.

Investment of Funds: The principle and accrued interest comprising of the Fund will be invested in the certificates of deposit, or other securities of similar risk reward characteristics, and only the accrued interest will be awarded to scholarship recipients. The principle and accrued interest comprising the fund will be maintained in a separate account, and will not be commingled with any other funds.

Who May Apply: Any graduating high school senior, or any person who has completed one year of college, and who is a member of this church for at least one year is eligible to apply. Payments will be made to the institution attended by the scholarship recipient, and will not be delivered directly to the recipient.

Selection Committee: The Board of the Church will appoint a standing committee. No scholarship recipient can be a first or direct relative of a selection committee member. The selection committee will determine the amount and number of scholarships. The selection committee shall have the discretion to determine whether to utilize the entire amount of accrued interest for any year for the scholarship grants or to reinvest it in the Fund. However, to the extent qualified applications exist; it is our preference that the scholarship money be used for the benefit of two to five recipients per year. Scholarship recipients from prior years are free to re-apply for the future scholarships

Considerations: Selection of candidates will be based on the following considerations:

- I. Financial Need – A preference should be given to financial need (such need to be determined by the selection committee in its sole discretion), provided that the applicant exhibits quality performance in the following criteria
- II. Scholastic Achievements:
- III. Community, School And Church involvement;
- IV. Leadership Skills;
- V. Work ethic and experience;
- VI. Characteristics of integrity, ethics and compassion

In addition, to the foregoing, it is our desire that there be no preference given to applicants expressing a desire to pursue religious studies. On the other hand, we would appreciate a preference to applicants who exhibit quality performance in all of the above categories and who also intend to pursue an agricultural (including veterinary medicine) degree.

**MARGARET WILSON MILLER & DAVID RADER MILLER
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION**

1. Full name of student: _____
2. Home address: _____

3. School address (if applicable): _____

4. Name of College, Trade or Graduate School you will be attending. Also list any you have already attended and year(s) of attendance.

5. What is your major plan of study? _____
6. Do you have existing student loans? _____
7. Do you anticipate borrowing money to help finance your current school tuition?

8. Please list any financial conditions of which the committee should be aware.

9. GPA _____ (THIS IS REQUIRED! Please include a copy of your most recent transcript. May be from Fall semester if Spring semester is unavailable.)
10. Community activities: _____

11. School activity involvement
 - High school: _____

 - College, trade or graduate School: _____

12. List any employment experiences you have had (full-time and/or part-time), and number of hours worked per week:

13. How long have you been a member of The First Christian Church of Smithville? _____

14. Church activities – List current and past participation:

15. What are your future career plans and/or goals:

16. Please submit an essay explaining how you envision your future Church participation and how it will help you in meeting future life and career goals.

Please complete the information below for our Treasurer, Greg Atkins.

Student name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Scholarship check should be made payable to this institution of higher learning:

Scholarship check should be mailed to this address:

First Christian Church Scholarship Qualifications

Scholarship Defined: This fund is financial aid given to members of First Christian Church for help with school expenses. It is financed from a fund that was provided in 1998 by Frank and Mildred Ricketts and their estate.

Who May Apply? Any First Christian Church member who has completed a minimum of 24 hours of college or technical or trade school may apply. Students must have graduated from high school at least one year ago. Applicant must have maintained a minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled as a full time, undergraduate student for the coming fall semester.

Scholarship Procedure: Payments will be made to the institution attended by the student and will be written at the beginning of each semester. The amount and number of scholarships will be determined by the selection committee based on current investment information. Applicants must reapply annually.

If no qualified student applies or scholarship funds are not used, the funds will be returned to the investment amount.

Any additional contributions that are less than \$500.00 could be distributed as a part of the annual scholarship awards. Contributions that are greater than \$500.00 will be added to the original principal amount and as such will remain invested for the duration of the scholarship program.

Selection Committee: The chairman of the board will appoint a standing selection committee on the approval of the board by a majority. No applicant can be a direct relative of a selection committee member.

Considerations: Selections of candidates will be based on the following considerations:

- community involvement
- school involvement
- candidates studying church fields
- candidates demonstrating church involvement
- candidates exemplifying the Spirit of Christ

Presentation: The chairman of the board will present a "scholarship certificate" to the recipient(s) during morning worship service of the church on or before the first Sunday in August. The selection committee will be responsible for notifying all candidates of the selection. They will also be responsible for any publicity on this matter.

Conclusions: This policy is subject to future revisions if needed. These revisions will be made by the selection committee and approved by the board. Applicants agree the selection committee members may verify information given on the application

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