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Scholarship Program

Dear Members,

As many of you are aware, Newman Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has been blessed by the generosity of individuals and families who chose to donate funds to offer scholarships to Members of Newman who are pursuing Higher Education. This includes trade schools, colleges and graduate programs. This began over 50 years ago with the first awards in the form of a \$25 loan to XXX and has grown to where we awarded nearly \$50,000 to over 25 individuals last year – truly incredible!

Every year, beginning in February, we begin to start the process of inviting Members to select an essay topic and submit them for review. Once the deadline of April 29, 2019 passes, the members of the Scholarship Committee review the essays and confirm that an award is merited. This, in conjunction with identifying the amount of income to be received from two externally managed funds, five internally managed funds and grant from the Gifford Foundation, determines the amount of the awards to be presented on the first weekend of June 2019.

To be eligible, individuals must:

- Be a Member of Newman
 - The parents do not need to be members, but the student must be
- Be attending an accredited program
- Complete their essays electronically
 - The topics can be accessed via the clickable links in the body of the Newman News
- Submit a qualified essay by the deadline of 04/29/2019

We have a great group of people on the committee, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to review the essays. Note, participants may be contacted to discuss possibly sharing some or all of their essays, either through Newman News or by speaking at the presentation ceremony in June. We feel that this is an amazing ministry, part of Newman's identity, and the thoughts and ideas submitted should be able to be shared with more than they group of people who are on the committee.

We will be working as a group to be as transparent as possible with regards to what makes up this ministry as well as how it works over the months ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of us listed below. Also note that Michelle in the office is a fantastic resource - she has been intimately involved with scholarships for many years and we are blessed to have her helping us!

Joyfully,

Tom Mottur, Co-Chair, Karen Usas, Co- Chair, Keith Blackwell, Chris Gagliardi, Pamela Goulet and Pat Trodson