



First United Methodist Church of Excelsior Springs

A. VANE MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

Requirements & Eligibility

(Revised March 2018)

The Reverend A. Vane Miller served as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Excelsior Springs from 1956 to 1962. Following his pastorate he and his wife, Evelyn, made Excelsior Springs their retirement home. Reverend Miller passed away on May 19, 1979. Reverend Miller was always very interested in and worked with the youth of our church. Following his death, it was determined that a memorial scholarship fund in A. Vane Miller's name would be established and used to further the post high school education of our high school graduating church members. Nothing would have pleased him more than to have his memorial fund help our graduating seniors by receiving this honor. The ***A. Vane Miller Scholarship Fund***

is a ***Trust Fund*** whereby the interest from the previous calendar year will be used to provide scholarships that will continue into the future. Throughout the years scholarship recipients have been blessed through the generosity of this memorial.

Eligibility:

- The graduating senior applicant(s) must be a **member of the First United Methodist Church. They have to join the church and have their membership recorded before they apply for the scholarship.** To be a member of the church they have to have been baptized and confirmed their faith by either **Confirmation (CF)**, or **Profession of Faith (POF)**, or they can **Transfer their Membership and/or Baptism** from another denomination or another Methodist Church (CT- Certificate of Transfer). The graduating applicant(s) membership must be recorded in the book of ***Membership Record System for the Local Church***. This book is located in the church office.
- The applicant(s) must be **graduating from a four-year high school** receiving a **diploma**. The diploma verifies state requirements for completion of course work. The applicant(s) must have plans to attend an institution of post-secondary education. They must be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in a college, university or trade school. (High school equivalency certificates such as GED or Hiset, etc. do not qualify for the scholarship.)

Deadline for Application:

- **The Application must be brought to the church or postmarked no later than Sunday, April 24, 2022. Applications received after Monday, April 25 will not be considered.** It is the responsibility of the applicant(s) to be certain that the application and essay are returned by the deadline.

Notification:

- Applicant(s) will be notified of their scholarship award before Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Term of Award:

- **Full-time and part-time students are eligible to receive the \$500 Scholarship.** Scholarship amounts each year will be determined and awarded based upon the number of students applying and the total amount of interest available from the **Trust Fund** from the previous calendar year. Priority will be given, in any year, to fully fund the applicant(s) who have been given partial payment the year before over those who are applying the first time. Should there be more applicants than there are funds available, the amount of funds available will be divided equally among the "first time" applicants.

Presentation of Scholarship:

- A keepsake will be presented during the worship service on Graduation Sunday. The ***Scholarship Award Certificate*** will also be presented to the recipient(s) at the annual high school awards celebration in May.

Payment:

- **The Scholarship recipient(s) must present a class schedule for the summer or fall school semester to the church office in order to receive the payment of the scholarship. The funds will be forfeited if the church treasurer does not receive the class schedule by September 1.**

Return the application and essay to: First United Methodist Church
Attention: Scholarship Committee
1650 Rainbow Boulevard
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Signature for Scholarship:

I have read the requirements and eligibility information for the **A. Vane Miller Scholarship**. If I do not meet all of these requirements, I understand that I will forfeit this scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Date

Pastor Signature

Date

A. VANE MILLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - \$500

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Name of High School: _____

Academic Year: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

College, University or Trade School you will attend: _____

_____ Major: _____

- State your career plans. _____

- **Office Use Only:**

Amount received for First Year of the \$500 Scholarship. _____

Amount received for the Second Year if the applicant did not receive
the total \$500 the first year. _____ (no essay required second year)

- **TYPE and ATTACH** to this first-time application form a one-page essay of 200-250 words answering the three following questions. (The essay should be double spaced with font size 12.)

1) What has First United Methodist Church meant to me?

2) In what ways over the years have I participated in the life of my church?

3) How can I live out my faith while attending college?

Signature _____

Date of Application _____