

Deadline for 2024 Scholarship Applications – Sunday, May 5

Thelma Allen Scholarship Fund First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe

The Thelma Allen Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 when the founder passed away, assigning significant funds to the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe for the creation of a scholarship fund for deserving students. Ms. Allen was an esteemed and beloved member of the church. Her initial gift has allowed us to support the educational aspirations of dozens of youths over the past twenty years. In continuing to do so, the Thelma Allen Scholarship accepts investments in its principal fund. By action of the Church Conference in 1986, the Rules for the Management of the Scholarship Fund were established.

By action of the 2013 Church Conference, the rules for the management of the scholarship fund are amended to read as follows:

Fund Management

- 1 The principal amount and all accrued interest in the scholarship fund shall be invested as jointly recommended by the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees with approval by the Church Council.
- 2 Scholarship(s) amount(s) up to \$1,500 may be awarded annually from the Scholarship Fund. No one scholarship shall exceed \$1,000, nor be less than \$500.00.
- 3 It is suggested, but not required that an award be made each year, beginning with 2014 between the months of June to October.
- 4 Any changes in Paragraph 1 or 2 above must be made at a Church Conference. Other changes in the rules for the management of the scholarship fund may be made by the Church Council.

Scholarship Designations

A Scholarship Committee is to be selected annually to review applications and name the scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Committee is to be comprised of the Pastor; Lay Leader; Chairpersons of Education and Trustees; Youth Leader; and a member-teacher and three Members-at-Large selected by the Nominating Committee and approved at Church Conference. The Scholarship Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Secretary. The Pastor is not a voting member and cannot be the Committee Chairperson or Secretary.

Promotion

Awareness of the Scholarship Fund is to be promoted annually through the church newsletter and other announcements, with as wide an audience as possible to include all. The scholarship application is available to all members of Bad Axe First United Methodist Church.

Application & Awards

The application form and guidelines for Thelma Allen Scholarship eligibility are attached. The application and guidelines may be modified by recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to and approved by Church Council. Applications will be accepted during the months of April and May or as determined by the committee.

Contact

For further information, please contact the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church, 216 E. Woodworth Street, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413, 989-269-7671, www.badaxefumc.org

Thelma Allen Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship applicants shall:

- 1 Be members of First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe;
- 2 Be of good character;
- 3 Have attained their senior year of high school or have a GED;
- 4 Have been accepted or have already enrolled in an accredited school of higher learning (state or private college, university, trade or technical school).

Preference will be given to those applicants who are active in the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe; who are applying for the first time; and to students planning to enter full-time Christian service.

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Parts I – IV must be completed for application to be valid. Applications can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off to the Church.

Part I

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Year of High School Graduation: _____

Special Need or Circumstances:

Have you received prior awards from this fund? (If yes, the amount and year.)

Part II (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Career Goal or Interest: _____

Special Activities, Service and Honors or Awards: _____

Summary of Church Activities: _____

Part III

Please attach with this application two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, professor or employer: and one from a church member.

Part IV

Please attach with this application a 500-word essay about your faith, its development within this church, and how this scholarship would help you in terms of your goals for your career and for your personal development. Be specific and use this as an opportunity to reflect on how your personal involvement in this church has affected and will affect your life. If you have previously applied for this scholarship, please expand your essay to include how your faith has grown with your college or post high school experience.

If you have any questions regarding the above guidelines, please DO NOT contact Scholarship Committee members directly. Rather, bring your questions to the church office or pastor. Thank you.

APPLICATION INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE APPLICANT IS GIVEN

For Scholarship Committee Use

Date reviewed: _____

Amount granted: _____

Signature of Chairperson:

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