

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSIONS COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT GUIDELINES

Funds for the scholarships will come from the Irma Manning Trust and contributions to the General Missions designated funds.

Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who are members of our congregation/youth group and to individuals who can bring a special expertise to a mission trip as determined by the Missions Committee.

Irma Manning Trust funds may provide scholarship assistance for members of FUMC Stillwater, only. “Mission” funds will be used to provide scholarships to those who are not members of FUMC Stillwater, or to add to the amount awarded to members from the Manning Trust.

A scholarship may be awarded to an individual for up to one-half of the amount of the tuition of the mission trip. The quantity and amounts of scholarships awarded will depend on the funds available at the time of the request(s). No “loans” will be made for trips.

Applicants may request a scholarship once per calendar year with preference given to those who have not received assistance previously. The Team Leader will be consulted regarding applicants during the selection process. The Youth Director will also be consulted regarding youth applicants.

The Application must be a written application on a form available in the church office and on the church website. The applications shall be turned in to the church office prior to the last Missions Committee meeting before the mission is scheduled to begin. The Missions Committee will review applications to select recipients and award scholarship amounts.

Recipients of funds will be strongly encouraged to share their experience with the congregation and others through a story, poster display, or presentations to church groups, or through a blog. Said presentations should tell their story of how they saw Jesus working in the lives of those with whom they went to Mission. At the very minimum, a written testimonial is to be submitted to the Missions Committee within 60 days of completion of the mission explaining how the funds helped and how the mission has affected the life of the Scholarship recipient.

All applicants will be encouraged to seek other assistance for their trip by writing letters of request to family and friends, or by other fund raising activities to supplement the cost of the trip. Fund raising activities within the FUMC congregation must be approved in advance by the Senior Pastor, or as provided through church policy.

APPLICATION
MISSION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
First United Methodist Church
400 W. Seventh, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074

The Mission Education Fund is an endowment which has been established by a member of First United Methodist Church for education of mission work supported by the United Methodist Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma; to develop and increase knowledge and understanding of the congregation of the needs of poor and less fortunate people in all places of the world: to provide for mission conferences, meetings, classes, seminars, programs and such other mission methods of instruction and education; provide support for the Volunteers-in-Mission and the annual School of Missions; and in any such other similar manner and fashion as may be determined by the Commission on Missions, or successors supporting mission education of the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Stillwater Oklahoma.

This application is for the purpose of obtaining scholarship grants from the Mission Education Fund to be used by members of First United Methodist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma, toward the expense of participating in a Volunteers-in-Mission project as representatives of the church. These grants are set aside on a calendar year basis. No scholarship will exceed one half of the total cost of the individual expense of participation in a Volunteers-in-Mission project.

Full Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home/cell) _____ (work/cell) _____ Birth date: _____

Member of Stillwater First United Methodist Church since (date) _____

Project location: _____ Dates: _____

Purpose of project: _____

Sponsoring agency or group: _____ Total individual cost: _____

Number of missionaries to be involved in this project: _____

Please tell us why you are requesting this scholarship. You may include a statement that includes the purpose of the project and its relationship to missions. What plans do you have for sharing your experience in this mission project with the congregation?

(Please continue your statement on the back.)

• COVENANT: As a recipient of funds from the Mission Education Fund of First United Methodist Church of Stillwater Oklahoma I agree to be available for sharing my experience in the funded project with the congregation of First UMC and others with whom I may come into contact, in order to spread the Word as Jesus taught, and to encourage others to go into the world and minister in the name of Christ, in cooperation with the Missions Committee for the purpose of education about the mission work of the United Methodist Church.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION
MISSION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
First United Methodist Church
400 W. Seventh, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074

The Mission Scholarship Grant provides financial assistance to encourage individuals to go forth from the walls of the church and witness to others as we are called to do. Funds are provided through donations to our General Missions account.

This application is for the purpose of obtaining a scholarship grant from “Mission” funds awarded by the Missions Committee of FUMC, Stillwater. Grants will apply toward the expense of participating in a Mission project as a representative of the church and sponsored by FUMC. These grants are set aside on a calendar year basis. No scholarship will exceed one half of the total cost of the individual expense of participation in a Mission project.

Full Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home/cell) _____ (work/cell) _____ Birth date: _____

Are you a member of Stillwater First United Methodist Church? _____

Project location: _____ Dates: _____

Purpose of project: _____

Sponsoring agency or group: _____ Total individual cost: _____

Number of missionaries to be involved in this project: _____

Please tell us why you are requesting this scholarship. You may include a statement that includes the purpose of the project and its relationship to missions. What plans do you have for sharing your experience in this mission project with the congregation?

(Please continue your statement on the back.)

• COVENANT: As a recipient of funds from the First United Methodist Church of Stillwater Oklahoma I agree to be available for sharing my experience in the funded project with the congregation of First UMC and others with whom I may come into contact in order to spread the Word as Jesus taught, and to encourage others to go into the world and minister in the name of Christ.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____