

Youth Scholarships!



Going to church camp, being part of youth rallies, participating in LTC, summer mission programs and more can be powerful life-changing, relationship-building, faith-growing, experiences for youth. We want to share these opportunities with as many teens and children as possible, and we realize that taking part in these activities can become expensive. Some families have to limit their involvement because of these financial pressures.

The Family Ministry and the shepherds of the Dalton Gardens congregation want to create opportunities for motivated youth with financial limitations to participate in these activities.

PURPOSE

The Youth Scholarship Program is intended to provide a process for the youth of our congregation to apply for scholarship funds to cover the basic fees of participating in group events. In exchange for this scholarship, recipients are expected to provide some type of service to the congregation or community on behalf of the congregation. The type and duration of this service will be matched to the individual student and the scholarship granted. *With the aid of a congregational scholarship, these youth will be able to take part in more of these growing and maturing activities, while also growing in their understanding and appreciation of the value of such a gift.*

OPERATION

Any child or teen from the Dalton Gardens Church of Christ is eligible to apply for a scholarship for a ministry event or activity. Applications are available online and in the church office. Completed applications **must** be submitted to the Scholarship Team **at least two weeks before** the scheduled event. There may be occasions when exceptions to this policy are made, but any exception is a case-by-case decision by the Scholarship Team. We want to make every effort to encourage and assist the growth and maturation of our youth and families, helping them to participate in ministry activities and helping them understand the importance of planning, timing and deadlines. The more notice the Scholarship Team has about an upcoming need, the better they will be able to meet that need.

The Scholarship Team takes many factors into consideration, including: funds available, whether the person has been assisted in the past, past experiences with the student and especially how they carried out past commitments. Generally, applicants will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis and students will be expected to complete their scholarship service within six weeks of receiving their scholarship.

EXPECTATION

The Youth Scholarship Program is designed to be a blessing to all. No student should be “locked out” of participating in our Family Ministries due to a lack of funds! Church members should know there are tangible ways in which they can assist the youth of our congregation! When a scholarship is given, students should want to apply for the gift with a sense of responsibility and be willing to share their blessings by serving the needs of others. The congregation expects wise stewardship of every dollar given to support our congregational ministries—and the Youth Scholarship Program is no exception.

We hope that when others see how the scholarship program is carefully administered—and when they see the impact it has on our youth; they will want to support it by making a special financial gift to the scholarship fund. Our goal is to honor Jesus by serving, encouraging and maturing our youth.

ANY QUESTIONS ARE WELCOME, AND MAY BE REFERRED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP TEAM.