

Deadline: April 30, 2022

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DATE RECEIVED: _____

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HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please carefully review the scholarship criteria and return only **one** application...checking those that may apply to your situation (scholarship information on attached sheets):

Lorraine & Bill Aiken Scholarship

- Seminary or Higher Ed student in Holston Conference

Culvahouse Scholarship

- UM Student from the former Cleveland, TN District
- Emphasis Meigs County (see detailed summary)

Grace Scholarship

- TWU and Emory & Henry

Sydney Michelle Harman Scholarship

- Student who attends First Richlands UMC
- Second priority students in surrounding area

Margaret Grizzell Loving Scholarship

- TWU and Emory & Henry

Verna Bradley McLain Scholarship

- Emory & Henry Student

Edith Leming Skinrod Scholarship

- TWU and Emory & Henry with 3.0 or higher GPA

Sandra G. Slater Scholarship

- Attendees of Mt. Hermon UMC, Powell, TN or Christ UMC, Knoxville, TN
- Monroe County, TN Youth graduating high school
- Students graduating from high school in Mingo County, WVA

Raymond F. Stowers Scholarship

- Emory & Henry College or Seminary
- UM Student from former Tazewell District

Name in Full: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Address (Include City/State/Zip): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Name/Location of High School: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent(s) Gross Annual Income: _____ Number and ages of persons dependent on income: _____

College you are planning to attend: _____

Starting Date: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____ FAFSA / EFC Score: _____

Student ID #: _____ For what career are you preparing? _____

Church Affiliation? _____

Name and address of the church where you are currently an active member: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe your participation in projects and activities of church and/or community:

Make a financial need statement regarding your need for financial assistance for the coming academic year:

Please describe on a separate page your philosophy of life, religious development, and what influenced you in selecting your career goal and college choice. Include additional information about you that might be helpful.

I hereby state that the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

Completed applications should be sent to the Holston Foundation to be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED



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SCHOLARSHIP DONOR INFORMATION

CULVAHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

Jann Culvahouse Howell, the only surviving child of James Dudley and Rachel Davis Culvahouse, wishes to provide scholarships in memory of her parents in recognition of their core values of education and compassion. “Dud” was a Meigs County native who graduated from Milligan College in 1937 and was grateful that he had the opportunity to pursue higher education during the Depression years. He died in 1989. Rachel was born in Kemper County, Mississippi, in 1917, and graduated from Mississippi State College for Women in 1937. Rachel died in 2001. Dud and Rachel married in 1948 and moved to Meigs County where they were active members of the Decatur United Methodist Church, serving in many leadership positions.

It is the donor’s desire that the priority for annual distributions from this fund provide scholarships to:

- A United Methodist student from the former Cleveland District.
 - Priority given to Meigs County residents, and who is an undergraduate enrolled at or entering a Tennessee public institution of higher learning or a United Methodist-affiliated college or university, and who has chosen a major in, or intends to major in, education, social work, nursing or pre-law.
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GRACE SCHOLARSHIP

Jack Greene had a dream about providing a helping hand to marginal students with limited means who have a desire and drive to pursue a degree to completion through one of the Holston Conference Colleges (Tennessee Wesleyan or Emory & Henry). Back in 1996 he established his goal to raise \$100,000 as a permanent source of funding to be called **THE GRACE SCHOLARSHIP** and called on the Holston Foundation to assist.

The name “Grace” was inspired by God’s response to Paul’s prayer request to remove the thorn from his side. The Lord answered his prayer by saying, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”* (II CORINTHIANS 12: 7-9)

Jack was born in Atlanta in 1931 as The Great Depression was ending. He has always been keenly aware of poverty and its effect on people’s lives. When he was still a preschooler his family moved to rural Alabama with no plumbing, no telephone, and no paved roads. Due to an industrial expansion, his life was changed dramatically for the better. His family returned to Atlanta and he went on to benefit from an education at Georgia Tech. He moved to Kingsport and had a long and successful career at Tennessee Eastman. He joined First Broad Street United Methodist Church in 1956 after Pastor Ned Wiley knocked on his door.

For many years Jack has spent every Monday making rounds collecting aluminum cans and scrap from trash cans and businesses and lots of friends and strangers he has rallied to participate in this dream. His wife, Sue Ann, referenced him and his close friend as Sanford & Son as they made their rounds.

THE SIDNEY MICHELLE HARMAN ENDOWMENT

The Sidney Michelle Harman Scholarship Endowment was established by Michelle’s parents, Rita and Darrell Harman, her brother Darren and her friends of the Richlands First United Methodist Church as permanent memorial. Michelle was born September 24, 1973 and died tragically in an auto-accident on June 19, 1991. This memorial is tangible evidence of family and friends desire to carry on Michelle’s love and continuous efforts to assist her fellow youth toward a successful life in Jesus Christ.

The Foundation through its selection process will determine scholarship recipients. The process shall consider the applicant’s academics, needs, character, as well as participation in the church, school and community activities. Two letters of reference are required (one from the applicant’s church and the other from the community at large). In addition, the applicant needs to submit a letter to tell the selection committee about herself or himself. The applicant’s letter should contain descriptions of participation in activities in the church and communities, need for financial assistance, philosophy of life, choice of possible careers and goals.

It is the desire of all involved that this scholarship and the knowledge of Michelle’s love, vigor and service will be blessings to the recipients who are recognized this year and in many years to come.

MARGARET GRIZZELL LOVING

Margaret Grizzell Loving of Bristol, Tennessee, died in 1995 and established this trust with the Holston Foundation as a permanent fund to support scholarships for deserving students in the Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church. The Foundation's Grant Committee oversees the stewardship and distribution of funds from the Loving Trust. Scholarship funds from the Loving Trust are divided annually between Emory & Henry College and Tennessee Wesleyan University for deserving students based on qualifications, abilities, and financial need. The Foundation will make these awards each year based upon the amount of funds available and the individuals selected as scholarship recipients. Priority should be given to students affiliated with a United Methodist Church in the Holston Annual Conference. Mrs. Loving's generosity and concern for students has set a marvelous example of Christian philanthropy, which will benefit others in perpetuity. Students selected to receive Loving Scholarships from the Holston Conference are encouraged to write a note of appreciation to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

VERNA BRADLEY MCLAIN SCHOLARSHIP

Verna McLain is an active member of Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. She was the last of eight children born to her parents in Elizabethton, Tennessee. There she was active as a youth singing in the choir at First Methodist Church and assisted the Director of Christian Education.

Verna knew she wanted to attend college. In an act of grace and generosity, a member of the Men's Bible Class at the church offered her a small scholarship with the condition that she attend a Holston Conference College. She attended Hiwassee College.

After Hiwassee, she received another scholarship to attend Emory & Henry College. She thrived there, as well, as editor of the newspaper, assisted with the yearbook, and was active in many activities. After graduation she went to Brazil for three years, where she taught school under the auspices of the Board of Global Ministries. When she returned home to the United States, she earned her MSW in Social Work at the University of Tennessee.

When Verna's first husband died in 2000, she realized that due to hard work they had accumulated sufficient assets to allow her to consider helping young people in need to achieve their life goals. The small Bible class in Elizabethton was there for her, and it is her prayer that this fund will make a lasting impact by inspiring and assisting young people to attend Emory & Henry College.

- This scholarship will be awarded to students attending Emory & Henry College.
- Priority will be given to students affiliated with a United Methodist College within the bounds of Holston Conference.

The Holston Conference Grants Committee will make final selection and notify recipient. Scholarship will be mailed directly to Financial Aid Department of the college by early September.

EDITH LEMING SKINROOD SCHOLARSHIP

Edith loved culture, art, poetry, and many of the finer things in life, but she never forgot her roots and upbringing in Tennessee. She graduated from Hiwassee College in 1933. She taught school for a few years before taking a position as the assistant to Program Director at the Knoxville YMCA. As World War II began, she worked with the YMCA's USO and Red Cross program providing social programs and activities for service men and women on leave near their bases. In her will she created scholarships at Whittenburg College, West Point, and one in the Holston Foundation that will benefit:

- United Methodist Church students from East Tennessee attending Emory & Henry College or Tennessee Wesleyan University who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The student must be a legal United States Citizen and may receive subsequent support as long as they maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Edith continued like the Energizer bunny through an active lifestyle with family and friends before her own passing in 2007. She was 'til the end a lady! Although Edith never had children of her own, she is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, stepchildren, and step grandchildren who she loved and who loved her. Nieces, Carolyn Chrisman and Karen Graves, served as co-executors of her estate and helped to follow through on her final wishes to help young people receive an education as part of her lasting legacy.

SANDRA G. SLATER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Sandra G. Slater's, a devoted public educator for 36 years, died in May 2008 after a courageous battle against leukemia. This scholarship is established with the Holston Foundation as a permanent endowment fund to provide monies for college bound youth. She focused on empowering the youth she taught to make better lives for themselves. Sandra never sought glory for herself – she put all her efforts into her students.

In addition to her service to her community through her teaching, Sandra willingly gave great effort to her church. A lifelong Methodist, Sandra was for many years a member of the First United Methodist Church in Williamson, West Virginia, and, upon retiring to Tennessee, became an active member of the Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church in Powell, where she was a lay speaker and worked diligently in a food ministry.

It is the donor's desire that the priority for annual distributions from this fund provide scholarships applicants from the following categories will have preference over other applicants:

- Attendees of Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church in Powell, Tennessee, or Christ United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee who have been accepted to a regionally accredited institution of higher education; or
 - Monroe County, Tennessee youth graduating high school who have been accepted to a regionally accredited institution of higher education; or
 - Applicants graduating from a high school located in Mingo County, West Virginia who have been accepted to a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
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RAYMOND F. STOWERS SCHOLARSHIP

James and Doris Sink, retired teachers, have been blessed and have established this scholarship in memory of Doris' father, Raymond F. Stowers, to encourage and support young people in quest of a higher education. The Sinks created this scholarship out of a deep appreciation for education and love of their church, community, and family. It is their desire that the students who receive aid from this fund know that they have been blessed by people of faith and that someday they, too, may have their own opportunity to be a blessing to others.

Raymond F. Stowers was born March 17, 1915, and passed away on March 25, 2001. He attended Concord College and University of Virginia, but did not complete his degree. He and Ora Gray married in 1944. He was quite a successful cattle farmer and also had a keen eye for land speculation. While not a college graduate, he was deeply committed to quality education and served on the Bland County School Board for 24 years never missing a meeting. Doris was their only child and they saw to her proper upbringing and education. Mr. & Mrs. Stowers were very active members of Rocky Gap United Methodist Church, where he served on the Trustees Committee and she was the long-time treasurer. They blessed Doris and James with generosity and love and even provided a substantial gift to their church through their own estate. The Sinks never had children of their own, but hope this scholarship will leave a legacy of learning that will make a lasting difference for generations to come.

It is the Donors' desire that the priority for annual distributions from this fund provide scholarships to:

- United Methodist students with priority given to students from the former Tazewell District.
- Secondary consideration for students from other areas of Virginia within the Holston Conference.
- Finally, other areas of the conference outside Virginia.
- If an undergraduate student is selected, the donors prefer that it be for a student who is enrolled and in good standing or approved to attend Emory & Henry College.
- If a seminary student is selected, it may be for any seminary approved by Holston Conference.