

SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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PURPOSE: To honor and provide financial assistance to one or more students who will be attending a 2 or 4 year college or university in the following school year

AMOUNT: Depends on the funds available for distribution with a minimum of \$500 for each scholarship.

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Be an active member of Sycamore United Methodist Church
- ♦ Have participated in church and community activities
- ♦ Complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.

MARION B. MARSH MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSES:

- ♦ To honor Marion Marsh's dedication to Christian education and leadership through more than 50 years of teaching Sunday School and bible study groups and leading numerous seminars and workshops at the Sycamore United Methodist Church and at the district level.
- ♦ To reward a high school senior for dedication to Christian education and leadership by providing scholarship assistance for college expenses.

AMOUNT: A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who best meets the following criteria:

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must be a high school senior.
- ♦ Must be an active member of Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Must be planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college during the following year.
- ♦ Should have demonstrated dedication to Christian education and/or leadership through exemplary participation and/or leadership in church activities. This could include Sunday School attendance, providing assistance in Sunday School or Vacation Bible School, and attending and/or leading church youth group activities during high school.
- ♦ Should have a desire to continue serving the church in the future either as a church worker or as a layperson involved in education or leadership.
- ♦ Must complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.
- ♦ Must meet any additional requirements as deemed appropriate by the Sycamore United Methodist Church.

BARBARA J. RODGERS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSES:

- ♦ To honor Barbara Rodgers' dedication to public education and the United Methodist Church.
- ♦ To reward a college student for dedication to public and/or Christian education and leadership by providing scholarship assistance for college expenses.

AMOUNT: A scholarship, based on funds in the account, with the minimum amount of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$5,000 will be awarded to the applicant who best meets the following criteria listed below. If there is not a qualified applicant, the scholarship will not be awarded.

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must be an active member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Must have completed the freshman year of undergraduate studies maintaining a C+ or better average for prior years as a full-time student and planning to continue their undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate studies at an accredited college or university, majoring in a religious vocation or education vocation.
- ♦ Should have a demonstrated dedication to Christian education and/or leadership through exemplary participation and/or leadership in church activities. This could include Sunday School attendance, providing assistance in Sunday School or Vacation Bible School, or attending and/or leading church youth group activities during their current years of college studies.
- ♦ Should have a desire to continue serving the church in the future either as a church worker or as a lay person involved in education or leadership.
- ♦ Must complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.
- ♦ Must meet any additional requirements as deemed appropriate by the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Priority will be given to prior recipients of the Barbara J. Rodgers Memorial United Methodist Endowed Scholarship.

MIDGE HARTSUCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE:

- ♦ To honor Midge Hartsuch, a long-time member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ To honor and provide financial assistance a student who will be attending Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, Illinois in the following school year.

AMOUNT:

- ♦ A scholarship in the amount of \$500 to be given to a student who will be attending Kishwaukee Community College, in Malta, IL.
- ♦ If there is not a qualified applicant, the scholarship will not be awarded.

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must be an active member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Must be a student of or planning to attend Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, IL in the upcoming year.
- ♦ Must complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.
- ♦ Must meet any additional requirements as deemed appropriate by the Sycamore United Methodist Church.

RONALD AND GENEVIEVE MAURER SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE:

- ♦ In memory of Ronald and Genevieve Maurer who were members of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ To honor and provide financial assistance an active church member who will be pursuing further education or training at any level in the following school year.

AMOUNT:

- ♦ A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.
- ♦ This award may be split among more than 1 deserving recipient if the Committee deems it appropriate.
- ♦ This award will given for 5 consecutive years, starting in 2026, and may be given to the same person more than once if appropriate.

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must be an active member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Award will go to an incoming freshman or a returning student at any level of degree or additional education or training who is planning to pursue further education in the upcoming year.
- ♦ Special consideration will be given to a student pursuing an education degree, attending Northern Illinois University, or Kishwaukee Community College.
- ♦ Students planning to attend a trade school or apprenticeship program are eligible for this scholarship.
- ♦ Must complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.
- ♦ Must meet any additional requirements as deemed appropriate by the Sycamore United Methodist Church.

2 SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY THE SYCAMORE UNITED METHODIST MEN

Two \$500 scholarships will be available. If only one qualified candidate applies in a given year, a \$1,000 scholarship will be given in both Warren's and Joe's names.

WARREN LOWE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSES:

- ♦ A scholarship provided by the Sycamore United Methodist Men's Group in memory of Warren Lowe, a long-time member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ To honor and provide financial assistance to a student who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college or university the next school year.

AMOUNT: \$500

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must be an active member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Must be a student planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university in the next school year.
- ♦ Must complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.
- ♦ If there is not a qualified applicant, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- ♦ Must meet any additional requirements as deemed appropriate by the Sycamore United Methodist Church.

JOE VILLA HELPING HANDS SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSES:

- ♦ A scholarship provided by the Sycamore United Methodist Men's Group in memory of Joe Villa, a long-time member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ To honor and provide financial assistance to a student planning to attend a Trade/Technical School or Apprenticeship Program.

AMOUNT: \$500

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must be an active member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.
- ♦ Must be a student planning to further their education in a "hands on" trade school program during the upcoming school year.
- ♦ Must complete the current Sycamore United Methodist Scholarship Application and return it to the church office by the deadline date.
- ♦ If there is not a qualified applicant, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- ♦ Must meet any additional requirements as deemed appropriate by the Sycamore United Methodist Church.

KAREN S. PALM-HALE-HAGEN NURSING MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE:

- ♦ To honor Karen S. Palm-Hale-Hagen's selfless dedication to serving and putting others first as a nurse in the community for more than 30 years and Christian values she displayed by loving and forgiving all people.
- ♦ To reward one high school senior declaring "Nursing" as their college major or an active college student pursuing a nursing degree each year for their dedication to serving others in the surrounding Sycamore/DeKalb communities. Karen struggled financially to put herself through nursing school, and in life, always sought to find ways to help others; therefore, this award is intended to help a deserving nursing-bound high school senior or active nursing student achieve those same life goals Karen had—to become a nurse and always help others.

AMOUNT:

- ♦ A scholarship, based on funds in the account, with the minimum of \$500 will be awarded to the applicant who best meets the following criteria listed below. If there is not a qualified applicant, the scholarship will not be awarded.

CRITERIA:

- ♦ Must participate in community activities that directly impact the lives of others and/or demonstrate putting others first.
- ♦ Applicants must be declaring "Nursing" as their major and plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college nursing program during the next year.
- ♦ Should have a demonstrated dedication to helping others in the community through exemplary participation and/or leadership. This could include but is not limited to: community volunteer activities (food banks/pantries, animal rescues, homeless shelters, etc.), community programs (reading programs, tutoring, etc.), attending and/or leading church youth group activities, assistance in Vacation Bible School, mission trips, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, crisis counseling, hospice care, and elderly care.
- ♦ Award will be given based on merit and impact to the community – not GPA value. Applicant should have a desire to continue serving and putting others first.
- ♦ Must write a personal statement indicating why applicant wishes to pursue a career in nursing, how they feel they have impacted the community today, and how they plan to continue to help and put others first in the future.
- ♦ Must submit the Karen S. Palm-Hale-Hagen Nursing Scholarship application form to the Sycamore United Methodist Church Office by the deadline date. **(NOTE: The application form for this scholarship is different from the Sycamore United Methodist Church Scholarship Application.)**
- ♦ Membership at Sycamore United Methodist Church is not a requirement; however, applicant should currently reside or have previously resided in the Sycamore/DeKalb surrounding community. Surrounding community for purposes of this Scholarship is defined as being within a 25-mile radius of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.