

St. Mark's has revised its college scholarship program such that students and adults who are members of St. Mark's church may apply for scholarship support for up to 4 years of an undergraduate study. The following information outlines the guidelines to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. **The revisions include the last two bullet points and are highlighted in yellow.**

- Student must attend an accredited college/university or technical school.
- Scholarships will be awarded for a maximum up to four (4) years towards any undergraduate degree. There is no eligibility for graduate degrees.
- After receiving the first scholarship, renewals must be for subsequent years thereafter, with a maximum of 3 more years of eligibility towards a degree.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 0-4.0 grade scale must be maintained while in college or technical school in order to be eligible for scholarship renewals (official transcript from college showing most current GPA is required with scholarship renewal application).
- Maximum scholarship amount that can be received for each year of eligibility **may** be up to, but not to exceed \$1000.
- Applicants will be asked to show how they have been involved in religious activities at St. Mark's and the surrounding community while in high school for the initial scholarship application.
- Applicants applying for additional scholarship renewals while in college or technical school will be asked to show how they have continued their Christian spiritual growth while at college.
- All scholarship applications must be received in the church office no later than May 1st in the year of eligibility. Applicant must mark the application if scholarship is needed early for matching funds, otherwise a check will be written in the name of the student at a later date.
- Adults who are pursuing a degree or post high school education will have the same guidelines as the students, GPA, Church Involvement, Application Process, No Graduate Assistance.
- **A letter of recommendation from a member of the church other than the Pastor or a family member such as youth leaders or Sunday school teachers etc. (First time applicant, non renewal applicant ONLY)**
- **Essay---Include a one page Faith Base youth experience essay. (First time, non renewal applicant ONLY).**

Scholarship Guidelines revised on 6/21/20 Scholarship Committee meeting , Church Council approval on 7/14/2020.