

January 1, 2023

To: United Church of Christ Congregations of Catawba County

From: The Dewey A. Houston Scholarship Trustees of
Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ,
Conover, North Carolina

The Dewey A. Houston Scholarship Trustees are pleased to announce the availability of scholarship assistance for 2023-2024 academic year. You will notice that eligibility of consideration is for members of any United Church of Christ congregation in Catawba County.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Scholarship Application Form. This form may be photocopied or additional Application Forms are available at the office of Trinity Church. **The completed application is to be returned to Trinity Church no later than April 7, 2023 by 3pm.**

We hope you will assist us in placing these applications in the hands of deserving and promising students.

Kathy Alexander, Chair
Natalie Inman
Rhonda Lail
Ashley Lane
Naomi Smith, ex-officio

THE DEWEY A. HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP
Given through Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
Conover, North Carolina

NAME:

The name of the scholarship shall be the Dewey A. Houston Scholarship, honoring the life/memory of Mr. Dewey A. Houston, a resident of Conover and a member of the Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ. Mr. Houston was a Catawba County business leader whose generosity provided an endowed foundation, the earnings of which make possible these scholarships.

ADMINISTRATION:

Trustees elected by Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ administer The Dewey A. Houston Scholarships. The Trustees grant Scholarships in amounts up to \$2,500.00 per year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. All applicants must be a member of a United Church of Christ congregation in Catawba County, with preference given to members of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ of Conover, N.C.
2. All applicants shall be enrolled in or accepted as a full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college, university, or seminary.
3. Selection shall be based on leadership potential, academic and vocational promise, church participation, financial needs, public service, community activities and high moral standards.
4. The applicant must submit a written application on the form provided along with certified transcripts from their high school or current college, university or seminary program. ***The school principal or guidance counselor must sign High School student applications.***
5. Each application must include three letters of recommendation from teachers, employers and administrative personnel familiar with the student. **Do NOT use church staff or family members as references.**
6. Recipients may receive funding in succeeding years if a new application is submitted according to the established dates for submission. New letters of recommendation are required with each application. The minimal GPA requirement of 2.5, for the previous semester, is also required for continued eligibility.
7. Submit all applications and supportive documents according to the deadlines found in the document, **Houston Scholarship Important Dates and Deadlines.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Application forms are available in all of the United Church of Christ offices in Catawba County.

Return completed application forms Trinity Reformed UCC's church office by 3:00pm on April 7th, 2023.

Trinity Reformed UCC
Attn: Kathy Alexander
217 Second Ave NE
Conover, NC 28613

TRUSTEES: Trustees of the Dewey A. Houston Endowed Scholarship Fund:
Natalie Inman Rhonda Lail
Ashley Lane Kathy Alexander, Chair
Naomi Smith, ex-officio

HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP – Important Dates and Deadlines

These dates and deadlines are firm; please carefully review before submitting your application.

January 2023 – New applications are distributed and made available to prospective scholarship candidates through Catawba County UCC Churches.

March 17th 2023 – Scholastic Records provided by your High School – Applies to High Applicants only.

April 7, 2023 – Fully completed applications are due at the Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ office no later than 3:30pm. Applications submitted after this date and time will not be considered.

Third Week April 2023 – Trustees meet to review applications.

Fourth Week April 2023 – Scholarship recipients notified by letter in the mail.

May 2023 – Recipients are invited to participate in Senior Awards Sunday at Trinity Reformed UCC 10:30am service.

July 2023 – Scholarship funds released to the student's educational institution for the 2022-2023 academic school year. *Prior recipients must show proof of GPA 2.5 or higher.* If school records show that student is no longer enrolled, funds will be returned to Trinity Reformed UCC, Conover.

THE DEWEY A. HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Mr.
Miss
Full Name: Mrs. _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Home Address:

Street City State Zip

County Telephone Number

High School(s)/GED Attended:

Current: _____
Name Address Phone #

Other: _____
Name Address Dates

College Attending: _____
Name Address Dates

Year(s) Attended: _____

PERSONAL HISTORY

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

State: _____

Church Membership: _____

Confirmation Year/Year Joined: _____

STATUS OF PARENTS

Father's Name: _____ Address: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Annual Income (Optional) _____

Mother's Name: _____ Address: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____ Annual Income (Optional) _____

Marital Status of Parents: Single____ Married____ Separated____ Divorced____
Widowed____

If you checked Separated or Divorced above, explain the present status, to the best of your knowledge, of the parent with whom you do not live. Example: Father - remarried, has two children, etc.

List any brothers or sisters in college, including the name of the college: _____

List any other siblings at home, including names and ages

CAREER OBJECTIVES

Which college do you plan to attend? _____

What is your intended major? _____

What is (are) your educational and career objective(s)?

Please list hobbies and special interests:

Please list any jobs you have held (include Company name, Supervisor's name, and specific job you performed):

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
(College Students DO NOT need to complete this page)

RECORD OF HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

| | | Check Years of Participation | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| School Clubs: | <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Beta Club | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (list) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Publications: | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (list) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Government: | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Council | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student Musical Activities: | <input type="checkbox"/> Band | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Athletics: | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleader | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

List any other honors, awards or recognition:

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____

Community Activities:

Church Activities:

Please list all offices or other positions of leadership you have held in any of the activities listed.

ONLY CURRENT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS NEED TO COMPLETE THIS PAGE.

RECORD OF COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND HONORS (If Applicable)

| | | Check Years of Participation | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Clubs (list): | _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Publications: | ___ Newspaper | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Yearbook | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Literary Magazine | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Student Government: | ___ Student Council | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Committee | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Other _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Student Musical/ Drama Activities: | ___ Band | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Chorus | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Dance Company | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Drama Group | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Other _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Athletics: | ___ Baseball | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Basketball | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Cheerleader | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Football | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Golf | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Soccer | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Softball | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Tennis | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Track | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | ___ Other _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| | _____ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

List any other honors, awards or recognition

Current Grade Point Average: _____ Semesters Completed: _____

Enclose an official copy of college grades.

Community Activities (where you attend college, if different from High School)

Church Activities (where you attend college, if different from High School)

Please list all offices or other positions of leadership you have held in any of the activities listed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide basic contact information for the person completing each of your Three Letters of Recommendation (Do not list members of your family or your principal.)

| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Name | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Address | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| City | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| State/Zip | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Phone | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| How Known | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| How Long | _____ | _____ | _____ |

FINANCIAL STATUS AND NEEDS

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| College Tuition | \$ | _____ |
| Other Anticipated Expenses | \$ | _____ |
| Support from Father | (Less) \$ | _____ |
| Support from Mother | (Less) \$ | _____ |
| Social Security, if any | (Less) \$ | _____ |
| Veterans Benefits, if any | (Less) \$ | _____ |
| Other scholarship or money available | (Less) \$ | _____ |
| Amount you can earn this summer | (Less) \$ | _____ |
| Total Money Needed: | \$ | _____ |

Signature of Candidate

Date

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU TO AID IN THE SELECTION PROCESS. Include a personal statement. This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee. Tells us what receiving this scholarship would mean to you, why is it important, what inspires you to want to continue your education. Tell us about the challenges you are facing and what are your educational goals. Let us know a bit about who you are. This section allows you the opportunity to convey why you are deserving of, or why you are applying for, this scholarship. (All information is strictly confidential and will be reviewed only by the foundation trustees.)

Use separate page(s) if needed.

NAME _____

Only needed for HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS

To be completed and by school officials. Mail directly to no later than March 17th, 2023:

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Scholastic Record

1. Rank in class _____ based on _____ consecutive semester beginning in the _____ grade
() Exactly () Approximately _____ in a class of _____

2. SAT- CEEB – ACT

| Dates Taken | Verbal | Math | Combined |
|-------------|--------|-------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

3. () Official transcript of student’s grades, etc., enclosed

RECOMMENDATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL, OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

I recommend _____, for the Dewey A. Houston Scholarship.

Signature – Principal or Guidance Counselor

School

Date

Telephone