

To: United Church of Christ Churches in Catawba County
Attn: Pastor and/or Chairperson of Consistory

From: Bethel United Church of Christ
Cindy Rywak, Scholarship Chairperson

Date: 2022

Re: The Whitener Scholarship

Bethel United Church of Christ will grant the Whitener Scholarship of a minimum \$1,000.00 for the academic year 2022-2023 to an active UCC church member in Catawba County. Applicants could be a high school senior, college or graduate student who meets eligibility requirements.

Enclosed are eligibility guidelines and forms to be completed and returned by April 30, 2021 to:

Cindy Rywak, Scholarship Chairperson
Bethel United Church of Christ
4547 Bethel Church Road
Hickory, NC 28062

828-294-3866

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCHES IN CATAWBA COUNTY

Bethany United Church of Christ
2952 Bethany Church Road
Claremont, NC 28610

Bethel United Church of Christ
4547 Bethel Church Road
Hickory, NC 28602

Church of the Master UCC
2230 29th Ave Dr NE
Hickory, NC 28601

Corinth Reformed United Church of Christ
150 16th Ave NW
Hickory, NC 28601

Grace Reformed United Church of Christ
117 East J Street
Newton, NC 28658

St. Matthews United Church of Christ
4575 Maiden Hwy
Maiden, NC 28650

Trinity Reformed UCC
217 2nd Ave NE
Conover, NC 28613

THE WHITENER SCHOLARSHIP

GIVEN THROUGH BETHEL EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
4547 BETHEL CHURCH ROAD - HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA 28602.

NAME: The Whitener Scholarship is established in memory of Gordon Lee Whitener and Susie McGill Whitener by gifts from their children, grandchildren, and others.

PURPOSE:

The Whitener Scholarship at Bethel United Church of Christ, Hickory, N.C. is to be awarded annually to selected applicant(s) in equal parts from money accrued from the principal's earnings to applicants from the UCC churches in Catawba Program District. For consideration, an application must be completed each year by April 30th.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Whitener Scholarship shall be administered through Bethel United Church of Christ, Hickory, N.C. The selection of a qualified recipient of the scholarship shall be made by the Scholarship Committee of Bethel UCC.

ELIGIBILITY:

The applicant will:

1. Be an active member of a UCC Church. First consideration will be given to members of Bethel United Church of Christ.
2. Have a GPA of 2.50 or above and maintain a 2.50 GPA as a full-time student.
3. Be a graduate of a high school.
4. Submit an application and be willing to appear before the selection committee for an interview.
5. Financial need will be a consideration.

AWARDING:

This scholarship is awarded annually.

The recipient will be notified of his/her selection.

The amount of the scholarship will vary based on the funds available -
Minimum \$1,000.00.

If funds are available, more than one scholarship may be awarded.

To reapply for the Whitener Scholarship, the applicant must continue to meet eligibility requirements and submit another application. He/she must maintain an overall GPA of 2.50 for all course work attempted (not merely course work completed).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Read all instructions (including those on the application form) carefully. Answer **all** questions fully and sign the form. Be sure your full name appears on each supplementary page used to answer questions on the application form. All information will be kept confidential.

Submit your application as early as possible, but prior to the deadline date. Students who file their credentials well in advance of the deadline have the best opportunity of being advised of needed corrections or additions to credentials.

Applications received after the deadline date cannot be considered. Inform the persons who are submitting required letters or records to send them directly to the scholarship committee at the following address:

THE WHITENER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: CINDY RYWAK
4547 BETHEL CHURCH ROAD
HICKORY, N.C. 28602

It is the applicant's responsibility to see that all credentials reach the committee before the deadline date, April 30, 2022.

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT -
Minimum \$1,000.00
Year (renewable annually)**

**Nomination forms and the required Per
enclosures should be mailed by
April 30, 2022 to:**

**The Whitener Scholarship Committee
Bethel U.C.C.
4547 Bethel Church Road
Hickory, N.C. 28602**

DATE: _____

MR
FULL NAME MS _____
Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street or Route City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED

CURRENT _____
Name Address Phone #

OTHERS _____
Name Address Dates

Name Address Dates

PERSONAL HISTORY

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: _____ AGE: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
City State

MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE ___ MARRIED ___ DIVORCED ___ WIDOWED ___

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NAME: _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: _____

HEALTH CONDITION: _____

FATHER'S NAME & ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: (COMPANY NAME & ADDRESS)

MOTHER'S NAME & ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: (COMPANY NAME & ADDRESS)

MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS: SINGLE ___ MARRIED ___ SEPARATED ___

DIVORCED ___ WIDOWED ___ REMARRIED ___

**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.)*

CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY: (THEIR NAMES AND AGES)

WHICH COLLEGE DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

CAREER OBJECTIVE: _____

LIST ANY SIBLINGS IN COLLEGE - NAME & COLLEGE & GRADUATION YEAR:

RECORD OF ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES (List Years)

Baptism _____ Confirmed _____ Member _____

Youth Group _____ Choir _____ Committee Member _____

Sunday School _____ Church School _____ Consistory Member _____

Other _____

How do you plan to continue your spiritual growth?

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Grade(s) of Participation

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Beta Club _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Key Club _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| National Honor Society _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Others _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Newspaper _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Yearbook _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Literary Magazine _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

STUDENT MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|
| Band _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Chorus _____ | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Baseball _____

Football _____

Tennis _____

Softball _____

Golf _____

Track _____

Basketball _____

Volleyball _____

Soccer _____

Cross Country _____

Cheerleader _____

----- OTHER -----

NAME: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

PLEASE LIST ALL OFFICES OR OTHER POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE HELD IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED:

PLEASE LIST HOBBIES AND SPECIAL INTERESTS:

PLEASE LIST ANY JOBS YOU HAVE HELD:

REFERENCES

PLEASE ENCLOSE TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS, EMPLOYERS, MINISTERS, CLOSE ADULT FRIENDS, ETC.

LIST THREE OTHER REFERENCES WHO HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS (DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS OR YOUR PRINCIPAL)

Name

Address

Telephone #

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NAME: _____

**PLEASE PROVIDE A PERSONAL STATEMENT ABOUT YOURSELF -
EXPRESSING YOUR HOPES, CONCERNS, AMBITIONS AND EDUCATIONAL
GOALS. (CONFINED TO SPACE BELOW)**

ENCLOSURES

**TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS, EMPLOYERS,
MINISTERS, ETC.**

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

DATE

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NAME: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, OR REGISTRAR

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Selection Index _____

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

Signature - Principal or Guidance Counselor or Registrar

School

Date

Telephone #

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

NOTE: Application MUST BE Postmarked By April 30th!!!!

TO BE COMPLETED BY MINISTER OR CHURCH OFFICIAL

I nominate _____
for the Whitener Scholarship Award - It is my opinion that this applicant is an active church member and is fully qualified for the following reasons: (Please note special or unique circumstances that should be considered in evaluating this candidate's record and potential. Written comments will be kept confidential and for use only in the selection process.)

Signature

Date

Church & Address