

January 1, 2022

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 2022-2023 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 8th, 2022 by 3pm.**

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

***Kathy Alexander***  
***Kelly Barringer***  
***Natalie Inman***  
***Rhonda Lail***  
***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 applications must be completed in full in order to be considered.**
3. 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.
4. Selection shall be based on leadership potential, academic and vocational promise, church participation, financial needs, public service, community activities and high moral standards.
5. 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.**
6. 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.**
7. 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 cumulative GPA requirement of 2.5 is also required for continued eligibility.
8. Submit all applications and supportive documents according to the deadlines found in the document, **Houston Scholarship Important Dates and Deadlines.**
9. Personal essay – applicant must submit a written personal essay to tell us about yourself.

## **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 8th, 2022.**

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

**TRUSTEES:** Trustees of the Dewey A. Houston Endowed Scholarship Fund:  
Mrs. Kathy Alexander            Mr. Kelly Barringer  
Ms. Natalie Inman                Mrs. Rhonda Lail  
Ms. Naomi Y. Smith (ex-officio)

## **HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP – Important Dates and Deadlines**

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

**January 2022** – New applications are distributed and made available to prospective scholarship candidates through Catawba County UCC Churches.

**March 18th 2022** – Scholastic Records provided by your High School – Applies to High Applicants only.

**April 8th, 2022** – 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 2022** – Trustees meet to review applications.

**Fourth Week April 2022** – Scholarship recipients notified by letter in the mail.

**May 2022** – Recipients are invited to participate in Senior Awards Sunday at Trinity Reformed UCC 10:30am service.

**July 2022** – 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**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)	\$ _____
<b>Total Money Needed:</b>		\$ _____

Elaborate on financial needs in your essay. You may add notes about other siblings or family details that would be helpful for us to determine how this applies to your financial needs.

**PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU TO AID IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.** This is a vital component of the application process and your opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee.

*[Suggestions of things to include in your essay:]*

- Tell us what receiving this scholarship would mean to you
  - Why you are deserving of this scholarship?
  - Why is it important to you?
- What are your educational goals?
  - What inspires you?
  - What does getting an education mean to you?
- Tell us about the challenges you are facing – financially or personally?
  - Tell us about who you are and your family – please do not include actual names
- To what moral standard do you hold yourself accountable and apply in your day to day life?

**Please feel free to add interesting or important information that would be helpful.**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Only needed for HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS**

**To be completed and by school officials. Mail directly to no later than March 19th, 2022:**

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

**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