

**Common Scholarship Application**  
First United Methodist Church Foundation  
Jefferson City, Missouri

This application is for use by students intending to apply for any of the scholarships awarded by the First United Methodist Church Foundation. Please complete the entire application so that the Board may consider your application for all relevant scholarships. Unless otherwise indicated, many of the questions apply to multiple scholarships. The scholarships are:

**Board Scholarships:**

- **FUMC Foundation Senior Scholarship:** Awarded each year since 2000, this scholarship is awarded to all members of the church completing their senior year of high school. It is in an amount determined by the Foundation Board based upon number of graduating seniors and available funds. In recent years, the scholarship has ranged from \$500 to \$750 per student. This is a one-time scholarship.
  
- **FUMC Foundation Board Scholarship:** Awarded since 2012, this scholarship is \$1,000 per semester and intended for students continuing their studies in college. The scholarship will be awarded before the fall semester and will be renewed for the spring semester if a cumulative GPA of 2.5 is maintained. Students pursuing a degree in church-related ministry will be given preference. Multiple scholarships may be given. The recipient must have completed at least 30 hours of college credit with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater, be actively involved in FUMC or related campus ministry, demonstrate financial need, and be a member of First United Methodist Church, Jefferson City.

**Named Scholarships (additional information about some of the people for whom these scholarships are memorials appears at the end of the application form):**

- **Cristina Clary Billings Scholarship:** Awarded to one student each year since 2002, this scholarship is for a graduating high school senior or full-time undergraduate student in good standing with preference given to students who major in elementary education, demonstrate high moral character, held youth leadership positions in the Church, understand ethics and integrity, and demonstrate academic merit. This is a one-year award and is not automatically renewable. A recipient of the award may apply in subsequent years for an additional scholarship award.
  
- **Cornelia Kibbey Roberts Scholarship:** Awarded to one student each year since 2008, this scholarship is for a member of First United Methodist Church, who has attended and participated in FUMC activities. It is awarded preferably to a student pursuing training and education at a four-

year college or university in the field of engineering, math, science or a related field. This one-year award is renewable for one additional year, provided the recipient maintains a Grade Point Average of 2.75 or above. Applicants/recipients may reapply for subsequent years.

- **Donald Lee Harris Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to one student each year since 2002, this scholarship is to provide assistance to a student who is pursuing training and education in a skilled/service-related field, preferably at a trade school, technical school, or community college. Students attending a four-year college or university may also be considered for this award. This is a one-year, \$1,000 award.
- **M. Leroy Heman Family Scholarship:** Awarded since 2015, this is a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Preference is given to a student pursuing a degree in conservation (biologist, forester, studying effective use of natural resources or other related field of study) or the medical profession (physician, registered nurse, therapist, or other related field of study). This is a one-time award; however, recipients may reapply and, if selected, may receive the scholarship for up to two years.
- **Jerry Kelly Scholarship:** Awarded since 2015, this is a \$1,000 scholarship (as funds are available) awarded to a student who has been a member for no less than two years. The award will be to a student majoring in business (with a special preference to accounting), non-profit management, music, broadcast journalism, or theology (post-graduate only). Particular preference will be given for demonstrated financial need. This is a one-time award, but recipients may reapply for a second year.
- **Rev. Gene and Jane Rooney Scholarship:** Awarded since 2015, this \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has been a member of FUMC for no less than two (2) years. The information on the completed application and any supplemental information will be used by the Foundation Board of Trustees to evaluate all applicants and award this scholarship to a student pursuing a college degree. Particular preference will be given for demonstrated financial need. This is a one-time award, but recipients may reapply for a second year.
- **Sue Alberti Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded since 2022, this \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has been a member of FUMC for no less than two (2) years. The information on the completed application and any supplemental information will be used by the Foundation Board of Trustees to evaluate all applicants and award this scholarship to a student pursuing a college degree. Particular preference will be given for a student pursuing a degree in business or technical career at a technical/junior college. This is a one-time award, but recipients may reapply for a second year.

SUE ALBERTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
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This scholarship was established in 2021 by Sue's husband Don. Sue and Don were married for 62 years and raised two wonderful children and enjoyed their numerous grand children and extended family. Sue was an active and committed member of the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City. Other memberships included Learning in Retirement and Partners Auxiliary of Capital Region Medical Center. She was a past member of American Business Woman Association. Sue was a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor. She enjoyed her Bridge, Bunco, and coffee groups for many years. Sue's loves were family, cooking and sharing her "goodies" with family and friends.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Sue graduated from Moberly High School and Moberly Junior College. She was employed for several years by First Baptist Church in Moberly and after moving to Jefferson City she was employed as the Administrative Assistant for the Missouri Union Presbytery, retiring in 2007.

Sue and Don were always committed to supporting the youth of the First United Methodist Church, and Sue's faith and support of education was the inspiration for this award. This scholarship affirms that commitment into the future of the church and future generations of youth coming through the church's youth group programming. Youth with an emphasis on business degrees or technical degrees will be blessed with these scholarships for generations to come.

DONALD LEE HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP  
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This scholarship was established in 2007 by Donald's parents, David Lee and Carol Lee (Watt) Harris to honor his memory. It is given with great respect for a beloved son. His life on earth was short, January 21, 1970 to March 3, 2006. But in that short 36 years he influenced many people. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on a -8 degree day. In 1980 he moved with his family to Jefferson City, Missouri where he entered the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Donald was active at the First United Methodist Church from his fifth grade through his high school years. And he was always willing to work hard to help other people.

Don was a very faithful member of the Church. He attended UMY weekly meetings, work camps and trail hikes, choir, basketball team, recreational volleyball nights, and ski trips. He loved being out of doors in God's creation. He was also active in the Boy Scouts where he obtained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Don was a willing and cheerful worker in several positions. He was a responsible newspaper boy in his younger years. He assembled and repaired bicycles as a mechanic at the J & D Bike Shop in Jefferson City for six years. He moved to Colorado in 1992 where first he was a counselor and geology instructor at a youth camp. He next worked at Keystone Ski Resort where he started as housekeeper and in six months was their housekeeper trainer. He moved on to Christy Sports where he could use his bicycle knowledge. He passed an extensive bike mechanic course and helped many friends and acquaintances with their bicycle emergencies. While at Christy's he worked part time at Lazaroni's Pizzeria in Frisco, Colorado, and then came the opportunity for him to buy the establishment. He built up the business and doubled the seating area with long hours but mostly with his friendliness in a welcoming, comfortable environment.

He was a good listener with an easygoing, upbeat style and a great smile. Donald was generous with his time and effort in order to help his friends. He loved meeting all kinds of people. His biggest love was being outdoors whether with bicycle, snowmobile, skis, motorcycle, mountain bike, or backpack. One of his goals was to hike as many of Colorado's fifty-two 14-thousand-foot mountains as he could; he completed fourteen.

Although Don was just an average student in High School, he was well versed on many subjects. He went to college for a couple of years, and then decided it wasn't right for him at the time. He found greater success as a mechanic, a small businessman, and a friend to many. This scholarship is established to encourage other nontraditional young adults who are willing to work hard in the endeavors that they choose.

CORNELIA KIBBEY ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP  
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Cornelia Kibbey Roberts established this scholarship when she was 97 years old to inspire young Methodists to pursue college degrees. An avid supporter of education, Cornelia had assisted several family members with their college expenses, and she wanted to continue to help young people achieve their educational goals. "We have a lot of engineers in our family," said Cornelia, "and I know the world needs many good engineers!" For this reason, the scholarship that bears her name was established to support a student pursuing a degree in engineering, math or another related field.

Cornelia was born and reared in Kansas City, Missouri where she attended junior college and business school in the 1920s. She also studied piano at the Horner Institute in Kansas City before taking classes at the University of Missouri-Columbia for one year (1930).

Cornelia and her first husband, Joe Kibbey, moved to Jefferson City in 1944 with two young children. As her children grew and entered the Jefferson City public schools, Cornelia continued her involvement with education by presiding as PTA president at West Elementary School and what used to be Simonsen Junior High School. During her tenure at West School, she initiated a push for additional classroom space, which resulted in the size of West School being doubled. Her vision also resulted in additional space for several other local elementary schools.

In addition to her interest in education, Cornelia is a longtime Methodist who became a member of First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City in 1945. At First Church, she ran the nursery for many years, served as president of the Double Ring Sunday School class, and sang and played bells or chimes with the choirs. She continued to volunteer on the church prayer team, participate in activities for seniors, and attend services regularly. She lived to be 101 years old.

Cornelia's strong faith and her love for education inspired this scholarship. It is her hope that hundreds of young Methodists will benefit from her generosity by pursuing and completing their college degrees.

Christina Clary Billings Scholarship  
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The Christina Clary Billings Scholarship Fund is named in memory of an individual who, during her illustrious career as an educator, had the wonderful opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of young citizens. Her students have and always will admire and respect her for the instrumental role she has played in their educational development. This highly competent and talented teacher devoted her tireless efforts in an earnest endeavor to provide her students with the best possible education, guidance, and counseling. She achieved that goal by virtue of the tremendous success her students have enjoyed in their professional, personal, and community endeavors.

She was born in 1917 in Freodnia, Kansas to David Clary and Phoebe Caroline Hobart. Christina's college education was interrupted by the death of her mother. While working and raising a family, Christina completed most of her college education during the summer. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Missouri State College (now Missouri State University), her Master's Degree from Drury College, and her librarian degree from Lincoln University.

Christina began teaching in 1940 in McDonald County, Missouri in a rural district called Love. Later she married Clarence Billings. Christina taught in the Greene County School District and the Springfield School District. When Mr. Billings relocated to Jefferson City, Missouri in 1963, Christina continued her teaching career in the Jefferson City School District beginning in 1963. Christina taught sixth grade at South and Cedar Hills Elementary Schools where she was a teacher-librarian. She gave 32 years to the teaching profession, 18 years of which were in the Jefferson City School District. She retired in 1981.

A faithful member of the First United Methodist church, Christina served through the Administrative Board, the Naomi Circle, and the Harmony Sunday School Class.