

# St. John's Christian Church

Archbold, Ohio

## Scholarship Information

(Revised 1/30/25)

St. John's Christian Church offers and administers three scholarships:

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2. The Seminary Scholarship – Detailed on Page 3

A Scholarship Committee will oversee the Scholarship Program offered by the church:

1. The committee consists of four people of the congregation and the pastor.
2. Terms are two years in length, with the ability to fill consecutive terms.
3. A committee member who is a parent of a student eligible for a scholarship award will abstain from voting on scholarship awards for that particular year or award season.
4. The committee will educate the congregation about the scholarships offered by the church.
5. The committee will seek to maintain contact with each college student who has received scholarship awards from the church during their college years.
6. The committee will receive and review the scholarship applications and award scholarship amounts.

Scholarship Committee consists of the following members:

Jan Lindsay, Dave Miller, Tammy Nofziger, Dave Walker, Jocelyn Walker, Pastor Erich

General Guidelines:

1. Application Deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup> for all applicants for the next school year.
2. Maximum limit of \$1,000 per any one student per year.

# 1. College Scholarship

- a. College scholarships will be awarded to enhance the Christian faith of active members of St. John's Christian Church who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year.
- b. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time traditional and non-traditional students.
- c. College scholarship awards are not to exceed a total annual amount of \$6000.
  - i. Maximum level of scholarship awarded to an individual student will be \$1000 per year, with an accumulative maximum of \$4000 per student.
  - ii. Minimum level of scholarship awarded to an individual student will be \$250.
  - iii. Level of scholarship awards will be determined by number of students enrolled each year.
  - iv. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college financial aid office, unless such funding will displace financial aid already earned by the student; if this is the case, scholarship funds will be given to the student to use for educational expenses.
- d. Funding for College Scholarships will come from:
  - i. Operating Fund Budget
  - ii. Designated Offerings to one of the Scholarship Funds
  - iii. Interest from the Helen Shibler Estate
- e. College scholarships will be awarded once students have completed the application process.
- f. Grade point averages will not be a determining factor in awarding scholarship awards, but will be reviewed in order to observe a student's progress through their education.

## 2. The Seminary Scholarship

- a. Full-Tuition Seminary Scholarship
  - i. A student applying for this scholarship must:
    - 1. Have been confirmed at St. John's, and,
    - 2. Be an active member of St. John's
  - ii. Full tuition will be paid for a student enrolled in and attending an accredited post-college seminary that meets the approval of the Consistory of St. John's, in keeping with the faith and order of the traditions of St. John's. (Per policy of 5/76)
  - iii. Funds will come from the Mission Fund and/or Second Mile Fund.
- b. \$1000 A Year Scholarship for a Member of St. John's Christian Church
  - i. A student applying for this scholarship must be an active member of St. John's.
    - 1. \$1000 a year, not to exceed a total of \$4,000 per student
    - 2. Scholarship funds will be awarded based on a review of the following submitted information:
      - a. College and/or Seminary academic transcripts
      - b. Statement of financial need by financial aid officer of seminary, based upon analysis of federally approved financial analysis systems.
      - c. Three letters of reference
      - d. A 2 to 3 page personal statement summarizing the student's faith experience, theology, values and goals.
      - e. Application
- c. \$1000 A Year Scholarship for a Non-member of St. John's Christian Church
  - i. When there is no active member of St. John's enrolled in and attending seminary, then the following scholarship will be available:
    - 1. \$1000 a year, not to exceed a total of \$4,000 per student
    - 2. Scholarship funds will be awarded based on a review of the following submitted information:
      - a. College and/or Seminary academic transcripts
      - b. Statement of financial need by financial aid officer of seminary, based upon analysis of federally approved financial analysis systems.
      - c. Three letters of reference
      - d. A 2 to 3 page personal statement summarizing the student's faith experience, theology, values and goals.
      - e. Application
  - ii. The seminary scholarship will be awarded to non-members of the church who reflect the theology and practice of the Reformed and Evangelical heritage of St. John's Christian Church, and are in keeping with the faith and theology of St. John's Christian Church in present times.

## St. John's Christian Church Scholarship Application

Scholarship being applied for:

The College Scholarship       The Seminary Scholarship

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Mailing Address at School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Students Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Program (Major/Minor) Enrolled In \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Academic Standing (check one)      Freshmen      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

- ❖ Please submit a copy of your most recent high school, college, or seminary transcript.
- ❖ Please submit a one page essay about what your educational/professional goals are at this time.
- ❖ Students will submit a new application form each year in which they seek to receive funding, along with a transcript and an updated essay. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and transcripts annually.