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Scholarship Policy and Guidelines

General Principles:

These general principles and are to be used for all scholarship funds held by Friends Baptist Church. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist recipients with their higher education of training. Scholarship awards are not intended to cover the full cost of school for any applicant. There maybe several scholarship awards in any one year depending on the number of applicants and the amount of money available.

The Church Scholarship Committee consists of the church deacons and pastoral staff members of Friends Baptist Church.

Principles Guiding Awards for Specific Scholarship Funds:

Friends Baptist Church currently holds one scholarship fund. The Isaiah Scholarship is awarded to two individuals (one male and one female) annually.

Isaiah Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to those individuals that have surrendered to ministry work and will be used for any higher education expenses that are incurred for the sole purpose of that ministry work including tuition, books and travel. It may be awarded to returning students. It may be awarded to an applicant for post-graduate training requiring formal academic study. Study may be full or part-time students.

Housekeeping Procedures:

As early as possible in the New Year, the members of the Scholarship Committee should be madeaware of the policy and guidelines, of the amount of funds available, and whether there are any restrictions on the amount available for the current year.

A first meeting of the committee should be held as early as possible in the New Year either in person or by electronic media.

Forms and applications are available on the church website after March 31.

Complete applications should be submitted online to the church office by May 15th.

The committee then meets to review the applications, will interview student(s), if necessary and then make their decision.

The recipient(s) of the scholarship should be informed as soon as possible (No later than May 31). At this time, a note should be sent to the recipient's high school, if a high school student, so that the information can be included in that school's list of scholarships received.

Plans need to be made at this time for the acknowledgment of the recipients during a worship service.

It's the responsibility of the recipient to inform the church of which institution he/she plans to attend if he/she is awarded the Scholarship, when he/she is registered and is in attendance. (Typically, at the annual Graduation Service in June).

At this time, the fund will be sent directly to the institution and the students will be informed that this has been done.

Selection Criteria and Recommendations:

The goal is to award one male and one female surrendered to ministry service.

The criteria include the following:

- A completed application including application form, letter of recommendation, apersonal essay and official transcript.
- A determination that the candidate has a reasonable chance to be successful in college.
- The applicant has an active relationship with Friends Baptist Church.

The Isaiah Scholarship awards should be determined by the amount set forth out of the church's finances for that budget year.

Instructions for Applicant:

1. Read the guidelines carefully.
2. Submit a personal statement/essay of no more than three typewritten pages that reflects your goals, motivation, reasons why you should be awarded the scholarship and an introduction of yourself to the committee who will review your application.
3. All application forms and materials should be submitted online.

4. Submit your application and required materials online before May 15th of any calendar year.
5. An official transcript(s) and letters of recommendation must arrive at Friends Baptist Church onor before May 15 (if required) .

Eligible Requirements:

1. The applicant must have maintained an active relationship with Friends Baptist Church.
2. There shall be no age restrictions.
3. The applicant must have applied to his/her school of choice and must provide documentation of acceptance before an award is confirmed.
4. The scholarship award shall be deported to the recipient's school of choice upon delivered verification of registration to Friends Baptist Church Office.

Application Forms:

1. Application forms will be live online after March 31 each year. All applications must be submitted on or before May 15 of the same year. Applicants willbe notified of awards after May 31 of the same year.
2. A new application form and required materials must be submitted each time the applicantapplies for the Scholarship.
    a. IF a successful candidate wishes, consideration for a subsequent year, he/she mustmeet the application criteria and include a statement of progress toward completion.
    b. IF a previously unsuccessful candidate wishes reconsideration, he/she must meetthe application criteria and include a statement of interim progress.

Accompanying Forms:

1. Each application must be accompanied by a personal essay/statement, not to exceed threetypewritten pages, which must include the education goals of the applicant, motivation, why the applicant feels he/she should receive the scholarship, and a personal profile of introduction. Applicants are encouraged to submit other material, which they consider relevant.
2. Each application must have one written recommendation to be mailed directly to Friends Baptist Church. The recommendation shall include:
    a. Recommendation from a high school teacher or college professor.
3. Recommendation from an employer or Friends Baptist member.
4. A recent official transcript – high school and/or college.
5. All parts of the application must be received at Friends Baptist Church on or before May 15th..

Interview:

The Church Scholarship Review Committee may require an interview with the applicants. Applicants will be notified by telephone, email or letter of their interview date and time. All interviews shall be completed prior to the May 31 of the application year.