

## #6.2

### CHAPEL SCHOLARSHIPS

**PURPOSE:** To provide a mechanism by which Chapel Scholarships shall be administered to eligible college students. The Chapel Scholarship fund shall only be used for the purpose established in this policy. Chapel by the Sea Scholarships will apply only to undergraduate education.

**APPLICATION:** All applications for consideration of a Chapel Scholarship.

**PROVISIONS:**

1. Graduating high school seniors and GED recipients who meet the requirements established herein may receive a Chapel by the Sea Scholarship upon completing the application process. See attached Application and Guidelines.
2. Postsecondary students who continue their education may be granted up to 3 additional Scholarships. He/she must qualify and complete the application.
3. The Scholarship Committee shall set dates for the distribution of awards.
4. The Scholarship Committee may, at its discretion, choose to consider applications from candidates who do not conform to these specific guidelines. Such consideration will be on a case-by-case basis.
5. Scholarships shall be awarded to each individual as part of a Worship Service.
6. Funding for scholarships is provided from the Scholarship Fund held by the Presbyterian Foundation and/or from the operating budget of the Chapel when assigned.
7. Checks will be issued (directly to the school) only after Chapel receives appropriate documents from educational institutions, e.g., proof of high school graduation or transcripts with grades.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

8. The Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for the scholarship process and awards. Each year the total amount awarded shall not exceed the growth from the past calendar year plus 10% of the principal of the Scholarship Fund. Example: In calendar year 2015, the fund earned \$200 and the total amount in the fund on 12-31-15 was \$49,000. The total amount awarded for 2016 shall not exceed \$5,100 unless special exception is made by the Session. The Session shall be accountable for maintaining proper funding for this Ministry.

**GUIDELINES:**

9. To qualify for a Chapel by the Sea Scholarship, a student must:
  - a. Be an active participant in Chapel activities (Worship, Sunday School, usher, music, Cedarkirk, etc.) for at least one year immediately prior to the first application.
  - b. Have been accepted into an educational program at an accredited post secondary college or trade school. The student may attend full or part time. Part time students

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must take at least six hours per semester. Part time students should expect smaller scholarship amounts.

- c. Write for evaluation by an unbiased panel, the essay of 500 words described herein and complete the volunteer project.
  - d. Complete the application.
10. To meet the conditions for renewing a scholarship, the applicant must:
- a. Continue to be an active participant of Chapel by the Sea as practically possible (which may mean being present at worship during school vacations; being active as a volunteer, serve as soloist, choir member, worship leader, usher, or other church programs) and/or at a Christian church in their college community.
  - b. Remain in good academic standing and maintain a 2.0 grade point average for the first year and a 2.5 thereafter and submit a copy of an official transcript. Official transcript must be submitted directly from your college or university to Chair of Discipleship and Fellowship Committee, Chapel by the Sea, P. O. Box 2997, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33932, no later than April 1st.
  - c. Write for evaluation by an unbiased panel, the essay of 500 words described above and complete the volunteer project.
  - d. Complete the application.

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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Due by April 1st

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School of Acceptance or attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (where scholarship funds will be sent by Chapel)

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Accredited College/Accredited Vocational Institution (circle one)

Two Year School/Four Year School (circle one)

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating (high school) Applicants:

Institution awarding diploma or equivalency

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

For 2nd through 4th Applications Only:

1. Number of hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_
3. No later than April 1st have a copy of your official transcript submitted directly from your college or university to: Chair of the Discipleship and Fellowship Committee, Chapel by the Sea, P. O. Box 2997, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33932.

All applicants: Describe below your attendance and nature of your various involvements at Chapel by the Sea and/or describe volunteer work performed elsewhere.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All applicants: Write and attach an essay of 500 words on “My Proposed Volunteer Project.” This project shall benefit Chapel by the Sea or one of our Missions, e.g., God’s Table, Habitat. The project shall entail approximately 30 hours of labor and may be performed during the summer or at other times upon arrangement with appropriate staff. Students shall provide to the committee a letter from a staff person associated with the church or agency verifying satisfactory project completion. Failure to complete this aspect will affect future scholarship awards for that candidate.

Essays that do not meet the length requirement will not be considered. Grammar and spelling count and will affect the grant. Essays may become available to the Session and may be published in full or in part in the church newsletter. Applications and all required information must be received by the Chair of the Discipleship and Fellowship Committee no later than April 1st to be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

#### Covenant Agreement

I understand that receiving the scholarship is not an automatic right, but a privilege that may be given to me based upon my ability to meet the requirements of the scholarship program, and by the Chapel’s ability to continue to provide funding. By accepting a scholarship from the Chapel by the Sea, I accept the responsibility to do my best as a student and to serve Christ and the community. I further promise that throughout my life I will remember that I have been helped in my college career by people who loved and supported me at Chapel. I will, therefore continually seek in my adult life ways to contribute to either the Chapel Scholarship or other scholarship programs as I support and encourage others.

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Signature

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Date