

Hetty Jackson/Dr. Martin Lewis
Scholarship Fund Information
Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church
United Church of Christ

What is it?

Originally established for ministerial students, the fund now provides money for any continuing education after high school to members of Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church (PAGBCC). Priority is given to students of seminaries authorized by United Church of Christ. The fund is named in memory of Hetty Jackson and in honor of Dr. Martin Lewis.

Who is eligible?

Any Active Member or Associate Member of PAGBCC may apply. You must be a high school graduate or planning to graduate in the year in which you apply.

How can the funds be used?

The funds are expected to be used for educational expenses. Funds are paid to the recipient's academic institution for use by the student.

How are the scholarships awarded?

A Scholarship Committee of at least 5 members of PAGBCC is appointed annually by the Executive Committee. Each Scholarship Committee member's term is two years, and can be renewed for an additional two years. The Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations to the Council which awards the scholarships. Applicants are evaluated on evidence of good Christian character, involvement in church and community activities, academic proficiency, educational goals and the likelihood of achieving the goals. All scholarships are one-time grants. Applicants may re-apply each year for additional funds.

When are the grants made?

Applications must be received by May 15th for the year in which funds are requested. The scholarship (or grant) recipient will be informed of the awards in June. The funds will be paid directly to the school or university of their choice after enrollment.

How much is available?

The endowment is currently \$30,000. Earnings from the endowment become available each year. Additional funds may have been provided by church organizations, Women's Fellowship, Men's Ministry, Mission Outreach, and other individuals. Donations to the scholarship fund need to be designated to either the scholarship endowment fund or the general college scholarship fund to be used that academic year. The committee will maintain a list of donation contributors.

The amounts awarded depend on the pool of funds available each year, typically between \$250 and \$1000. The amount per recipient will be determined by the scholarship committee. Presentations of the awards will be at a church service in June, date to be determined by the church staff.

How do I apply?

Request an Application for Scholarship from the church office and return it, along with two written recommendations from members of PAGBCC, to the office or to the chair of the Scholarship Committee by May 15th of the year in which you are requesting funds.

For more information, contact the church Council President or the chair of the Scholarship Committee.

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