

## **St. James United Methodist Church “Mr. Bill” Johnson Youth Scholarship Fund By-Laws**

**PURPOSE.** The St. James United Methodist Church “Mr. Bill” Johnson Youth Scholarship Fund was established to assist members of the St. James Youth Organization obtain higher education after completion of high school.

### **I. HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP IS RAISED**

- A. The second Sunday of each month shall be designated as Youth Scholarship Sunday.
- B. Each member, including the youth of the church, is asked to contribute \$5.00 per month, or \$60.00 per year to support this scholarship.

### **II. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP**

- A. A youth must be an active member of the St. James United Methodist Church in good standing and must have completed all requirements for youth confirmation. The youth must be a member of the Youth Ministry their junior and senior years in order to receive the full scholarship.
- B. A youth who is a member of R.A.G.E., Youth Choir and also serves on at least one other service ministry for a two-year period will be awarded an additional Bonus Book Scholarship in the amount of \$200.00. The Chairperson of the service ministry must make a recommendation to the Youth Education Ministry Council indicating the duration of service.
- C. The youth must be a graduate of high school or have completed their GED and be accepted to an institution of higher education (college, university, trade, technical or vocational school).
- D. A youth who has missed consecutive meetings due to work must submit a letter from their employer to the Youth Council indicating the duration (dates) of their employment. The letter must state specifically that the youth has been required to work on the days for youth meetings. A youth who has missed consecutive meetings due to school or community related activities must submit the same information as outlined above (due to work) from the school or community organization.
- E. A youth must submit an application to the Youth Education Ministry by June 1 of high school graduating year. **The application must include a letter of acceptance from the institution of higher education.**
- F. Youth who have met all qualifications to receive the full scholarship are eligible to receive a \$300.00 book scholarship each year for three (3) consecutive years following the year the full scholarship is awarded. The maximum scholarship while attending higher education \$900.00 (over three years) or \$300.00 per year. The following conditions must be met:
  - i. Higher education students must provide an official copy of his/her transcript, which must show at least an overall grade point average of 2.5 based on a 4.0 grading system. The transcript must be attached to the application. Completed applications must be postmarked not later than August 1 of the year the application request is made. Applications must be addressed to: **St. James United Methodist Church, “Mr. Bill” Johnson Youth Scholarship**

**Fund, 5540 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64110-2964, Attn: Youth Council.**

- ii. Scholarship applications may be obtained from the St. James United Methodist Church administrative office. There will not be a notice other than through church announcements and the [www.stjamesumc.com](http://www.stjamesumc.com).

**III. GUIDELINES**

- A. The scholarship shall be awarded to all eligible youth according to the length of membership in the Youth Organization (high school students only).

<b>Length of Membership</b>	<b>Scholarship Awarded</b>
Three years (Full Scholarship)	\$800.00
Two years	\$400.00
One year	\$200.00
Less than one year	\$0.00

- B. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to eligible youth. This money is to be used at the student's discretion to aid in their educational needs (i.e., books, fees, clothes, transportation, etc.).
- C. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Youth Council by the end of June. The youth must enroll in a school of higher education within one year academic year of their high school graduation.

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