



The St. James United Methodist Church

"Mr. Bill" Johnson Youth Scholarship Fund

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St. James United Methodist Member Scholarship

By-Laws and Application

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By-Laws

Purpose

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

How the Scholarship is raised

The second Sunday of each month shall be designated as Youth Scholarship Sunday. Each member, including the youth of the church, is asked to contribute \$5.00 per month, or \$60 per year to support the scholarship fund.

Eligibility

1. 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.
2. A youth who is a member of the R.A.G.E and also serves on at least one other ministry such as Youth Choir, Usher Board, Sound Ministry, and Sunday School 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.
3. 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).
4. 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 of 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.
5. 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.**
6. Youth who have met all qualifications to receive the full scholarship are eligible to receive a \$300 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.
 - a. 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 June 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
Attention: Youth Council
5540 Wayne Avenue
Kanss City, MO 64110-2964

- b. 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.

Guidelines

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

Length of Membership	Scholarship Award
Three years (Full Scholarship)	\$800.00
Two years	\$400.00
One year	\$200.00
Less than one year	\$0.00

2. 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 need (ie, books, fees, clothes, transportation, etc.).
3. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 24, 2011, although checks will not be distributed until the second Sunday in July.
4. The youth must enroll in a school of higher education within one year of the academic year of their high school graduation.



"MR. BILL" JOHNSON YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Program

The "Mr. Bill" Johnson Youth Scholarship has been established to meet the financial needs youth members who actively participate in the youth ministry. The Scholarship is a churchwide educational service providing scholarships to help supplement the financial needs of our youth. Funding for the "Mr. Bill" Youth Scholarship is provided through offerings and designated gifts. The second Sunday of each month is designated as Youth Scholarship Sunday. Each member, including the youth of St. James United Methodist Church, is asked to contribute \$5 per month, or \$60 per year in support of the scholarship program. The Scholarship program is administered by the Youth Ministry of St. James United Methodist Church.

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients must be an active member of the St. James United Methodist Church in good standing and must complete all requirements for youth confirmation.

Eligibility

Applicants to the "Mr. Bill" Youth Scholarship Fund must complete an application and meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Active member of St. James United Methodist Church.*
- A completed Scholarship Applications
- Write and submit the requested Criteria Essay as described.
- Copy of a high school diploma or GED certificate indicating the current graduation year.
- Letter of acceptance to an institution of higher education (college, university, trade, technical, or vocational school).
- Letter of recommendation from Ministry Chairperson(s)

Please note: Any youth who has missed consecutive youth meetings due to employment, school or community related activities must submit a letter from their direct report specifically indicating the date and type of activity required by the youth.

**Active member consists of any youth who serves in the Youth Ministry their junior and senior years. In addition, there are additional funds available for students who are members/participants of other "Service Ministries" such as R.A.G.E., Youth Choir, Church School, Communications and serves on a minimum of one additional service ministries for a two-year period.*

Essay Criteria

Youth are required to compose a 200 word Essay which describes their spiritual background and development. Essay needs to be typed and submitted with application. Essay criteria question:

- Describe your spiritual heritage. Who has been instrumental in your faith development? What influence did the youth ministry have in your spiritual development? (must answer each question within the essay)

Application Deadline:

Scholarship Applications must be received by or post marked no later than **June 1**.

Awards

Distribution of scholarship awards will be granted based on the following criteria, for high school students and active college students as follows:

Membership Levels	Scholarship Awarded
Three Years (Full Scholarship)	\$800.00
Two Years	\$400.00
One Year	\$200.00
Less than one year	\$0.00
*Book Scholarship	\$300.00
**Service Ministry	\$200.00

**Book Scholarship Recipients must meet the full scholarship requirements to be eligible. Renewals will not be automatic. Recipients will have to complete the renewal of their book scholarship. Additional information, such as the most recent cumulative GPA will be considered. The renewal award may be reduced or denied based on insufficient information. Award not to exceed \$900.00 within the three (3) year eligibility period.*

***Service Ministry recipients will be eligible for a onetime bonus scholarship. These funds are allocated for youth who are members/participants of other "Service Ministries" such as R.A.G.E., Youth Choir, Church School, Sound Ministry, Usher Board and serves on a minimum of one additional service ministry for a two-year period prior to graduation.*

Payment of Scholarships

Scholarship Recipients will be notified by the Youth Council by June 24, 2011. The youth must enroll in a school of higher education within one year of the eligible academic year of their high school graduation to receive payment of scholarship funds. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to eligible youth. The scholarship funds can be used at the student's discretion to aid in their educational needs (such as books, fees, clothes, transportation, etc.).

Application Attachments:

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore answer all questions as completely as possible. Interested youth must complete the application and mail it along with the following documents:

- "Mr. Bill" Johnson Youth Scholarship Application
- Letter of recommendation from chairperson of a St. James UMC Ministry
- High School Transcript
- Acceptance Letter (college, university, trade, technical or vocational school)
- Essay

Additional Information

Applications must be submitted to the St. James United Methodist Church administrative office or mailed directly to:

St. James United Methodist Church
"Mr. Bill Johnson Youth Scholarship Fund
5540 Wayne Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64110-2964

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgement card is not received within three weeks, applicants are encouraged to contact the Scholarship Chair or Coordinator to verify that the application has been received. Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to

Mr. Bill Johnson
Scholarship Chair
816/941.9215
bjohnson6149@att.net

Tiffani Kintchen
Scholarship Coordinator
816/812.6373
kintchen22@gmail.com



"MR. BILL" JOHNSON YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Opportunity Outline

Based on all criteria's outlined in the by-laws and scholarship program
Youth are eligible to receive the following scholarship amount

Membership Scholarship*	\$300.00
"Mr. Bill" Johnson Youth	\$800.00
Service Ministry**	\$200.00
Book Scholarship (Year One)	\$300.00
Book Scholarship (Year Two)***	\$300.00
Book Scholarship (Year Three)***	\$300.00
Total Scholarship Opportunity Award	\$2,200.00

* Membership scholarship are available to all youth who are members of St. James United Methodist Church and must have completed all confirmation requirements.

** Service Ministry includes: R.A.G.E, Youth Choir, Sound Ministry, Usher Board, and Sunday School. A letter of recommendation is required by the chairperson of the ministry to be eligible.

*** Awards will be provided based on each application year. Scholarships will be not be available until the second and third consecutive years of college/university, trade, technical or vocational school. Youth must maintain a 2.5 GPA based on a 4.0 grading scale.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Personal Information

Youth Applicants Full Name: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____

Home Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Youth Email address: _____ Parent Email Address: _____

Parent /Guardian Name (1): _____ Contact Number: _____

Parent /Guardian Name (2): _____ Contact Number: _____

School Information

High School Name: _____

School Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Grade Level: _____ Current GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Higher Education

(College, University, Trade, Vocational or Technical)

Must coincide with submitted acceptance letter

School Name _____

School Address _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Intended Major Choice (1): _____

Intended Major Choice (2): _____

List of Accomplishments

List **all** School Activities (Organizations, Athletics, etc) and/or Scholastic Achievements (Honor Society, Scholastic Awards):
(Your accomplishments will be announced at the awards ceremony and have no bearing on receiving the "Mr. Bill" Scholarship - Applicants may attach additional accomplishments on a separate sheet)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Community Service/Employment

Describe any volunteer work you have done at church: _____

Describe any volunteer work you have done in your community: _____

How are you involved with St. James United Methodist Church? (Please list all ministries including dates of involvement):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

St. James United Methodist Church Confirmation Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed application is due no later than **June 1, 2011**

St. James United Methodist Church
"Mr. Bill Johnson Youth Scholarship Fund"
5540 Wayne Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64110-2964

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Application Received on: _____

Date of Confirmation: _____

Eligibility: Three Years Two Years One Year

Book Scholarship Service Ministry Scholarship

Total Scholarship Amount \$ _____

Approval Name: _____

Approval Signature: _____

"MR. BILL" JOHNSON YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - BOOK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT APPLICANTS ONLY)

The Program

Book Scholarship Recipients must be a recipient of the "Mr. Bill" Johnson Youth Scholarship program and meet the full scholarship requirements to be eligible. Only former members of the youth ministry can apply for the annual Book Scholarship Award. Renewals will not be automatic. Recipients must complete and returned the renewal application by June 1, 2011. The renewal award may be reduced or denied based on insufficient information. Award not to exceed \$900.00 within the three (3) eligibility period.

Application Attachments

- Copy of Higher Education Transcript or 4th Quarter grade card (must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading system)

Personal Information

Applicants Full Name: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____

Home Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School Information

School Name: _____

School Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip

Grade Level: _____ Current GPA: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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"Mr. Bill Johnson Youth Scholarship Fund"
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Application Received on: _____

Eligibility: (1): _____ (2): _____ (3): _____

Approval Name: _____ Approval Signature: _____