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The Mona Watts Kahl Scholarship

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mona Watts Kahl Scholarship (Scholarship) is to provide scholarships annually to students who are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Whiteville, North Carolina (Church).

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Scholarship will be funded annually with a gift from Mona Watts Kahl.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Applicants may be applying to college or pursuing an undergraduate or graduate education. Current recipients are eligible to apply for another year but will be in competition with other applicants.

The recipient must

- 1. Be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville.
- 2. Be applying to college or pursuing an undergraduate or graduate education.
- 3. Be in a program that leads to a grades K-12 education career, medical-related career, or a career in the ministry or Christian Education.
- 4. Have had a 3.0 or better grade point average in high school or, if already in college, maintain a 3.0 or better average and make satisfactory progress in accordance with the college's guidelines.
- 5. Be a resident of Columbus County.
- 6. Demonstrate financial need.
- 7. Participate in community service and/or church activities.

JUDGING

The unopened applications shall be forwarded to judges who are not associated with First Presbyterian Church. As part of the screening process a face-to-face interview may be requested.

AMOUNT

The three Scholarships for 2021-2022 shall each be two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), with equal awards made for fall and spring semesters. Should a Scholarship not be awarded in any given year, a portion or full amount of the Scholarship amount may be used to support the Church's youth programs.

DISBURSEMENT

Funds for the Scholarship will be disbursed to the Church by May 31 of each year. The Church shall disburse the money directly to each recipient's school, never to the student or the student's family. If there is no recipient in a given year, the funds may be used to support the Church's youth programs.

DEADLINE

The deadline is Monday, June 7, 2021. This includes receipt of transcripts.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications and associated documents will be securely destroyed 30 days after recipients are announced unless a candidate requests that they be returned (except reference letters).