

## **Scholarship Program and Guidelines**

### **First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, Florida**

#### **Purpose**

Scholarship funds of First Presbyterian Church are meant to provide some financial assistance to encourage:

- Christian young adults to attend post-secondary education;
- Christian young adults who feel called by God to a church related vocation;
- Christian youth and children to be active in church sponsored events.

#### **Scholarship Committee**

The scholarship committee shall be composed of at least six (6) members, all of whom have voting rights except the ex officio member. All but the ex officio member will serve three-year terms on a rotating basis. Members may choose to extend their membership on the committee. The required committee composition will include:

- One active elder.
- One *ex officio* First Presbyterian Church Business Administrator.

Meetings of the committee shall follow application deadlines. Special meetings may be called as necessary. All committee members shall honor the confidentiality of the information provided on scholarship application forms.

The scholarship committee shall review applications for scholarships as defined in the guidelines of each scholarship fund and inform the session of the recipients.

#### **Who May Apply**

Members of First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, Florida, and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Members and non-members regular participants in First Presbyterian Church programs and activities may apply to **Involvement in the life of First Presbyterian Church, Ocala Florida or a local church at college/graduate school location;**

#### **Criteria for Selection**

- Timely submission of the application;
- involvement in the life of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, or a local church at a college/graduate school location;
- Good academic achievement of the applicant for educational scholarship assistance as demonstrated by the most recent transcript of grades, or a copy of an acceptance letter to a post-secondary institution ;
- Financial need may be considered for educational scholarship assistance;
- Financial need will be considered for the **Jane Layendecker Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

#### **Established Scholarship Funds, History, and Requirements**

***Scholarship funds whose proceeds are available for post-secondary education are:***

- **EDWIN W. ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND** was created to honor Edwin W. Albright, Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Ocala. Florida.
- **ELTON VEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** began with contributions from the sons of Elton and Eileen Veal to assist deserving applicants to pursue a college education.

***Scholarship funds for assisting youth and children to attend special church sponsored or endorsed events are:***

- **JANE LAYENDECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** is available for fees related to church –sponsored or endorsed events such as conferences at Montreat and Camp Montgomery, Mutual Mission Youth Exchanges, etc.

***Scholarship funds for Christian young adult members called to a church related vocation are:***

- **Katherine Taylor Scholarship Trust**  
Financial assistance for young adults preparing for a church related vocation (seminary, graduate school for theology, etc.) are available.
- **The Ruth Slone Endowed Scholarship for Theological Education** was established in memory of Ruth Slone, a lifetime member of the Presbyterian faith, by her sons James and Donnie Slone. The scholarship is available for members of First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, Florida, who seek the Master of Divinity Degree, have proven their need for financial assistance, and are in good standing with both the Session and the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Rising first year seminary students are eligible, and may reapply each year for the scholarship. The scholarship also is available for ministers employed by First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, Florida. It is available for the degrees of master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Sacred Theology, and Doctor of Philosophy in a sacred field of study. Applications for the scholarship are made to the First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee. Upon approval, monetary awards are made from income derived from funds in the **Ruth Slone Endowed Scholarship for Theological Education**.