

## **First Mennonite Church Scholarship Program**

### **Definition:**

The First Mennonite Scholarship Program is a scholarship grant program providing aid to each student attending a Mennonite college or seminary.

### **Purpose:**

To encourage students to attend Mennonite institutions which provide advanced training in Anabaptist thought and practice, effectively train individuals for leadership in the Mennonite Church, and encourage service in Mennonite-related organizations.

### **Organization:**

The Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Leadership Board, which will be responsible for:

1. Facilitation of the contributions to the Scholarship Fund:
  - a. Special offerings, accepted at any time
  - b. Family donations
  - c. Fund-raisers
  - d. Funding through wills, trusts, and life insurance.
2. Notifying the scholarship candidates and congregation of the program and activities.

### **Guidelines for the administration of the fund:**

1. Scholarships will be awarded only to members of First Mennonite Church.
2. A person is eligible to receive a scholarship after being a member of First Mennonite Church for at least one year, or their parents for two years. Special or exceptional cases should be submitted to the Leadership Board for consideration.
3. The Scholarship Fund will be distributed equally among all students up to \$1,000 per year, based on the amount in the fund or expected to be received in donations toward it.
4. The scholarship will be forwarded directly to the appropriate school to be applied to the account of the student, on a semester basis.
5. The student and family will be encouraged to contribute to the fund as future circumstances permit.

Mennonite colleges, universities, and seminaries covered by the Scholarship Program include Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Bethel College, Bluffton University, Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Conrad Grebel College, Eastern Mennonite University, Fresno Pacific University, Goshen College, Hesston College, and Tabor College.

To encourage students who choose not attend Mennonite colleges or universities to enroll in Christian schools, and to enable them to take advantage of matching funds which such schools may offer for congregational scholarships, First Mennonite Church will offer up to the amount of the school match or \$1,000 per year, whichever is less.