

# Mary Whitford Memorial Scholarship

The Mary Whitford Scholarship for up to \$1,000 and available one time for undergraduate course of study.

Criteria for Scholarship Application:

- Must be an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church.
- Have a financial need for scholarships.
- A graduate from North/South Medford High and/or sincere in their goals for a college education with a major in the areas of humanities, agriculture, horticulture, husbandry, biology, veterinary medicine, fisheries, forestry, or natural resources.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Time: Yes or No (circle) Date of Next Term/Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study (Major) : \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach your response to two essay questions:

Mary Whitford originally was from England where she was a flight attendant for Quantas Airline. When she lived here in the Rogue Valley she was a surgical nurse at Rogue Valley Medical Center. Having been raised in another culture Mary was often misunderstood and criticized. However she loved living here in the Rogue Valley often enjoying nature while hiking. She also loved the opera and would attend whenever possible. She had a great love for her cherished cocker spaniel. Mary was an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church and sang in the church choir. She loved Ascension Lutheran Church so much she wanted to give back by leaving a legacy to the church in the form of a college scholarship fund.

- How will you honor the memory of Mary Whitford and this legacy she has left our youth?
- Describe the importance of community service and what you currently do, in addition to what you plan to do in the future to give back to the church and community?

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## Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Action Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Mary Whitford Memorial Scholarship Procedure**

## **Scholarship Criteria**

Mary Whitford bequeathed to Ascension Lutheran Church \$14,819.33 for college scholarships. The funds are maintained in our Mission Investment Account, following the “Memorial Funds and Endowments Procedures” investing guidelines, approved by the Finance Committee and Council, July 2010.

The criteria for Scholarships were developed from the legal documentation the church received with the funds, with guidance received from a pension-trust lawyer, plus the Memorial Committee’s belief that it is consistent with the spirit and intent in which Mary Whitford bequeathed the funds.

## **The Scholarship**

- Will be for \$1,000; unless subject to change by the Memorial Committee depending on the number of qualifying recipients and the amount of funds available.
- Is available one time during the undergraduate course of study.
- Half of the scholarship is paid after proof of classes has been received for the fall.
- The second half is paid in January after proof of classes are received.

## **The Scholarship Applicant**

- Must be an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church.
- Have a financial need for scholarships.
- Must be sincere in their goals for a college education, either be a graduate from North/South Medford High and/or, majoring in the area of humanities, agriculture, horticulture, husbandry, biology, veterinary medicine, fisheries, forestry, and natural resources.

## **Disbursement of Mary Whitford Scholarship Funds**

- Each fall eligible individuals will be notified about the scholarship opportunity.
- Applicant will obtain a scholarship application from the church office or a member of the Memorial Committee.
- Applications are due by June 1 of each year to the Memorial Committee.
- The Memorial Fund Committee will meet to evaluate the applications and by majority recommend the recipients to the Finance Committee for approval following the Memorial procedure.
- The Memorial Committee Chair will notify each applicant of their recipient status of the Mary Whitford Memorial Scholarship by June 30.
- The Memorial Committee Chair will complete a voucher form for each recipient, get the Finance Chair signature and then give the completed form to the treasure.
- When the checks are written the Treasure will notify the Memorial Chairs as to the date and check number issued to each recipient.