J. CLARENCE AND HELEN McL. WHITEHURST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The J. CLARENCE AND HELEN McL. WHITEHURST SCHOLARSHIP FUND was created in 1986 by a donation from Mrs. Helen McLawhorn Whitehurst in memory of her husband James Clarence Whitehurst to benefit persons of the Ayden community in the pursuit of their post-high school education.

The Trustees of the Ayden United Methodist Church, Ayden, North Carolina shall elect annually a Whitehurst Scholarship Committee which shall be entrusted with the responsibility of selecting the recipient(s) of the J. Clarence and Helen McL. Whitehurst Scholarship. This committee shall be composed of one member of the James Clarence Whitehurst family, the Chairman of the Trustees of the Ayden United Methodist Church, the Pastor of the Ayden United Methodist Church (who shall serve as chairman of the scholarship committee), and two members at large.

The Scholarship Committee shall receive applications for scholarship grants from qualified persons no later than April for the upcoming academic year.

The Scholarship Committee shall forward their selection(s) along with the amount of the scholarship(s) recommended to the Trustees of the Ayden United Methodist Church no later than June 1, 2026.

No later than July 1st the Trustees of the Ayden United Methodist Church shall forward in writing to the United Methodist Foundation, Inc. the name(s) and address(es) of the educational institution(s) where the student(s) will be attending or is/are currently attending.

Payment of scholarship funds by the United Methodist Foundation, Inc. shall be made only to the educational institution to the credit of the student. Such payments will be made on or about August 15th for the upcoming academic year.

The following guidelines will be followed in determining students who qualify for the Whitehurst Scholarship:

A. The Scholarship will be granted on basis of:

   i. Satisfactory academic record
   ii. Christian character
   iii. Community service

B. While priority will be given to students who continue their academic pursuits, it will be necessary for the student to reapply for the scholarship grant each year according to the guidelines of the scholarship fund. The student must make satisfactory academic progress as determined by the educational institution in order to be considered for subsequent scholarship grants from this fund.

C. Students who are members of the Ayden United Methodist Church will be given priority for scholarship grants. Non-member students from the Ayden community shall also be considered.

D. The standard scholarship grant will be $1,000 per academic year, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to establish the scholarship amount so long as it is within the income available for that year from the Fund.

J. Clarence and Helen McL. Whitehurst
Scholarship Application

Social Security Number __ __ __ - __ __ - __ __ __ __

Name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Address: _____
Street, R.F.D

_____
City State Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ Age _____ Date of birth_____

Parent or Guardian Information:

	Father	Mother
Full Name:	_____	_____
Address:	_____	_____
Occupation:	_____	_____

How many brothers have you? Older _____ Younger _____

How many sisters? Older _____ Younger _____

Are other dependents residing in the home? _____

What college will you attend? _____

Give an estimate of the yearly cost: _____

What is you intended college major? _____

Will you receive funds from sources other than parents (such as scholarships)? _____

If so, please list: _____

_____

What church do you attend? _____

Are you a member? _____

List church activities you have participated in: _____

_____

List church offices you have held: _____

List you school activities, Honors, and Awards: _____

List community activities you have participated in: _____

Employment - List any jobs you have held: _____

What are you special interests and hobbies? _____

Is there any additional information you would like the scholarship committee to know? _____

ATTACHMENTS:

I. Please respond to the following questions in 500 words or less:

1. Why do you wish to pursue a college education?

2. What do you consider you Christian life purpose to be?

II. Letters of recommendation (Provide envelopes for recommenders to seal letters of recommendations)

1. Church member and/or Pastor
2. School reference
3. Community reference

III. High school transcript (must include class rank, SAT, GPA)

(Completed application must be returned to the high school counselor or the Ayden United Methodist Church Office by Sunday, April 12, 2026)