

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 May 11, 2025.

No later than July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Gaurdian 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

List church activities you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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List church offices you have held: \_\_\_\_\_

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List your school activities, Honors, and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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List community activities you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employment - List any jobs you have held: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your special interests and hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 your 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 13, 2025)