



AVON WESLEYAN CHURCH

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Dear Applicant,

The Avon Wesleyan Church has a matching scholarship for which you may apply if you regularly attended the Avon Wesleyan Church as your main church, are walking in faith with Christ, and will be attending an approved Christian college.

The Avon Wesleyan Church Scholarship is a local church scholarship that will be between \$200-\$500 depending on the number of applicants for the year and will often be matched by the college. This scholarship is for those entering or currently attending an approved Christian college and will be considered for renewal by a new application each year for up to 4 years.

To apply, please fill out the attached application in its entirety and return it to the church office. It must be received by February 11, 2020. Applications received after the deadline above will not receive priority.

Sincerely,

Peter Maclauchlan

Lead Pastor

AVON WESLEYAN CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

(revised @ 11/06 LLC Mtg.)

- 1) The Avon Wesleyan Church shall establish and maintain a college scholarship fund.
- 2) The program shall provide scholarship amount per year for up to four years per student at all Wesleyan Denominational Colleges and at Roberts Wesleyan College, as well as other Christian colleges as approved by the LBA. The amount shall still be given in American dollars if the student is in a Canadian school that qualifies in other ways. The amounts that the various schools will match are different. Some presently are \$750 per year and some are \$500. The amount of matching scholarship given will be the same for each student even if their schools matching fund level is less.
- 3) These amounts shall be evaluated yearly as the fund builds to possibly increase the amounts or include other Christian colleges.
- 4) A student must take a minimum of 12 hours.
- 5) A student must have consistently attended Avon Wesleyan Church services for at least 2 years and Avon Wesleyan Church must be their primary place of worship.
- 6) A student must enter college within three years of high school graduation. The scholarship does not apply to adults returning to school.
- 7) No economic criteria apply. The scholarship will be given regardless of need.
- 8) No academic criteria applies other than the school's required standard to continue attendance. As long as the student maintains the minimum grade point average the school requires, the student is eligible.
- 9) Eligibility shall be reconsidered yearly to ensure that eligibility requirements are maintained.
- 10) Special cases will be considered by the LBA upon the recommendation of the pastor.
- 11) The entire amount shall be given before the first semester or as required by the particular school.
- 12) The fund shall begin to accumulate money in the spring of 1993 and shall begin to disburse funds in the fall of 1993.
- 13) The pastors shall review the applications received and, if they feel it is necessary, interview the students concerning their eligibility.
- 14) Qualified students shall then be recommended to the LBA for approval by the February LBA meeting if possible so that the various schools can be notified in February.
- 15) Some schools need to be notified by early March for inclusion of money in their financial aid packages.
- 16) The scholarship fund shall be self sustained in an interest bearing account. A special offering for this fund may be taken such as a part of the Easter Offering or at the time of high school graduations as decided by the LBA.
- 17) Parents and friends of students need to be aware of the restrictions concerning not being able to designate or channel money to a particular student through this fund. A person can donate to this fund but cannot designate money nor increase money to a particular student either to increase matching funds or to get a tax deduction for student expenses for that student.
- 18) The fund could be promoted by compiling a list of alumni from these schools to use in some way in helping to promote the fund.
- 19) This money shall be invested in whatever secure way is considered best, and the accounting shall be kept in a separate treasurer's account within our unified budget.

AVON WESLEYAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

- 1) Do you consider Avon Wesleyan Church to be your regular, primary church? _____
- 2) How long have you regularly attended Avon Wesleyan? _____
- 3) Members of the Wesleyan Church have shared convictions that guide us in how to walk in faith and to be a positive witness of Jesus' truth and love. As you read over those convictions on the attached summary, are there any you disagree with or believe you would not intend to follow in your own walk with Christ? _____ If yes, explain the exceptions on the back of this sheet.
- 4) Will you be attending the same college the whole academic year? _____
- 5) What college will you be attending? _____
- 6) Will you be taking at least 12 credit hours throughout the school year? _____
- 7) Are you taking enough credit hours to get financial aid from your school? _____
- 8) How much will your college match in matching funds from a church? _____
- 9) When should these funds be received by the school? _____
- 10) If a matching fund scholarship is awarded, to what office and address should it be sent?

- 11) When did you graduate from high school? _____

What year of college will you be entering in the fall? _____

- 12) On the back of this sheet give a brief testimony of your own spiritual journey, progress this past year, and the value of your college experience during the past year. (If this is not your first application you may start with progress this past year.)
- 13) If you are a high school senior, in what ways do you consider yourself a leader in the youth programs of the Avon Wesleyan Church this year? Use the back of this page.

(Your Signature)

Please return this application to:

Avon Wesleyan Church, 300 Genesee Street, Avon, NY 14414

If you have questions please contact Pastor Pete or Nicki Maclauchlan

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Shared Convictions of Members of the Wesleyan Church

260. To be identified with an organized church is the blessed privilege and sacred duty of all who are saved from their sins and are seeking completeness in Christ Jesus. From the Church's beginnings in the New Testament age, it has been understood that such identification involves putting off the old patterns of conduct and putting on the mind of Christ. In maintaining this Christian concept of a transformed life, The Wesleyan Church intends to relate timeless biblical principles to the conditions of contemporary society in such a way as to respect the integrity of the individual believer, yet maintain the purity of the Church and the effectiveness of its witness. This is done in the conviction that there is validity in the concept of the collective Christian conscience as illuminated and guided by the Holy Spirit. The following items (265) represent historic, ethical and practical standards of The Wesleyan Church. While it is hoped that our people will earnestly seek the aid of the Spirit in cultivating a sensitivity to evil which transcends the mere letter of the law, those entering into membership are encouraged to follow carefully and conscientiously these guides and helps to holy living. Disregard of the principles embraced in these Membership Commitments subjects all credentialed ministers and any member serving in an elected leadership capacity to Church discipline (268; see also 550–610).

265. Those admitted to membership in our churches commit themselves to demonstrate their life in Christ in such ways as:

Toward God

(1) To reverence the name of God and to honor the Lord's Day by divine worship and spiritual edification, participating in those activities which contribute to the moral and spiritual purposes of this day.

Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:3, 7–11; Deut. 5:11–15; Isa. 58:13–14; Mark 2:27; Acts 20:7; Heb. 4:9.

(2) To seek only the leading of the Holy Spirit and to abstain from all forms of spiritism, such as the occult, witchcraft, astrology and other similar practices.

Lev. 19:31; 20:6; Deut. 18:10–14; Acts 19:18–19; Gal. 5:19–20.

Toward Self

(3) To exercise faithful stewardship through the wise use of their time and material resources, practicing careful self-discipline in order to further the mission of Christ's church (remembering the principle of tithing which is basic to the New Testament standard of stewardship) and to demonstrate compassion to those in need.

Prov. 3:9; Mal. 3:10; Matt. 25:34–40; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7; Eph. 5:16; Col. 3:17; James 2:15–16; 1 John 3:17.

(4) To demonstrate a positive social witness by abstaining from all forms of gambling and by abstaining from using or trafficking (production, sale or purchase) in any substances destructive to their physical, mental and spiritual health, such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco and drugs (other than proper medical purposes of drugs); and by refraining from membership in secret societies and lodges which are oath bound, believing that the quasireligious nature of such organizations divides the Christian's loyalty, their secret nature contravenes the Christian's open witness and the secret nature of their oaths is repugnant to the Christian conscience.

Ex. 20:17; Rom. 14:21; 1 Cor. 6:12. Gambling violates the principle of Christian stewardship and the tenth commandment, is harmful to the individual in that it is emotionally addictive, is a poor example to others, and pollutes the moral climate of society.

Prov. 20:1; Rom. 6:12; 14:21; 1 Cor. 6:12–20; 10:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:22. Christians are to regard their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. While no "thing" of itself is sinful, the Christian should avoid the use of anything which would not help build the fellowship of the church, would not help the believers to realize their full potential in Christ, or which would enslave them. In the light of the scientific knowledge of our day concerning the actual and potential harm of these substances, total abstinence is more in keeping with these biblical principles than is moderation.

Ex. 20:3; Matt. 5:34–36; John 18:20; Acts 4:12; James 5:12. These prohibitions do not restrict membership in labor, civic or other organizations which do not contradict loyalty to Christ and the Church. When in these relationships Christian principles are violated, members shall be dealt with because of such violations and not because of the membership itself.

(5) To follow the teachings of the Scriptures regarding gender identity and sexual conduct.

Gen. 1:27; 1 Cor. 6:12–20; 7:17–24.

Toward Family

(6) To follow the teachings of the Scriptures regarding marriage and divorce. We affirm that sexual relationships outside of marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful. We further affirm that marriage between one man and one woman is God's design, and we regard sexual sin of the spouse, such as adultery, homosexual behavior, bestiality or incest, as clear biblical grounds for considering divorce, and then only when appropriate counseling has failed to restore the relationship.

Ex. 20:14, 17; 22:19; Lev. 20:10–16; Matt. 5:32; 19:19; Mark 10:11–12; Luke 16:18.

(7) To preserve the sanctity of the home by honoring Christ in every phase of family life and by demonstrating Christlike love (always avoiding violence, including physical, psychological, emotional, or sexual abuse toward one's spouse or family members, as well as sexual infidelity or desertion, any of which warrant church discipline for the offender and may justify separation or divorce if true repentance and appropriate counseling cannot bring about reconciliation), and by living peacefully with one another, thereby building up one's spouse and family members through word and deed, and encouraging the nurture and education of the children in the Christian faith so as to bring them early to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Prov. 22:6; Malachi 2:13–16; Mark 10:9; 1 Cor. 7:10–16, Eph. 5:28; 6:4.

Toward The Church

(8) To work together for the advancement of God's kingdom and for the mutual edification of fellow believers in holiness, knowledge and love; to walk together in Christian fellowship by giving and receiving counsel with gentleness and affection; by praying for each other; by helping each other in sickness and distress; and by demonstrating love, purity and courtesy to all.

Rom. 15:1–2; Eph. 4; 1 Thess. 5.

(9) To grow in the knowledge, love and grace of God by participating in public worship, the ministry of the Word of God, the Lord's Supper, family and personal devotions and fasting.

Mark 2:18–20; Acts 13:2–3; 14:23; Rom. 12:12; 1 Cor. 11:23–28; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:1–2; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; Heb. 10:25; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18.

(10) To preserve the fellowship and witness of the Church with reference to the use of languages. The Wesleyan Church believes in the miraculous use of languages and the interpretation of languages in its biblical and historical setting. But it is contrary to the Word of God to teach that speaking in an unknown tongue or the gift of tongues is the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit or of that entire sanctification which the baptism accomplishes; therefore, only a language readily understood by the congregation is to be used in public worship. The Wesleyan Church believes that the use of an ecstatic prayer language has no clear scriptural sanction, or any pattern of established historical usage in the Church; therefore, the use of such a prayer language shall not be promoted among us.

Acts 8:14–17; 1 Cor. 12:1–14:40; Gal. 5:22–24.

Toward Others

(11) To do good as much as is possible to all people as God gives opportunity, especially to those in the body of Christ; by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the destitute, by visiting or helping those who are sick or in prison; by instructing, correcting or encouraging them in love.

Matt. 25:31–46; Eph. 5:11; 1 Thess. 5:14; Heb. 3:13; 10:23–25.

(12) To respect the inherent individual rights of all persons, regardless of race, color or sex.

1 Cor. 8:13; 12:13; Gal. 3:28; 1 Tim. 5:21.

(13) To live honestly, be just in all dealings and faithful in all commitments.

Eccl. 5:4–5; Rom. 12:17; Phil. 4:8–9; 1 Peter 2:12.