

TOBY WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

at Apex United Methodist Church



The mission of the Toby White Youth Scholarship is to encourage, nurture, recognize, and assist graduating seniors actively involved at Apex United Methodist Church who exhibit a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Annually, high school seniors who have been active in the church and faithful in their service to Jesus Christ will be considered for a \$1,500 scholarship.

Who is Eligible

Any graduating high school senior who is planning to attend or has already been accepted to an institution of higher education (college, university, trade, technical or vocational school) AND has been active in the ministries of Apex United Methodist Church.

Submission Deadline: **May 3, 2026**

Place your application in an envelope addressed to the Apex UMC Scholarship Committee and mail or deliver to the church. The completed application and all accompanying documents must be in the committee's hands no later than May 3, 2026. This deadline is strictly enforced to allow the committee ample time to review the applications and interview the candidates if desired.

You must submit the following items:

- Completed 4-page Application
- Answer to Essay Question
- Three Reference Letter & Activity Evaluation Sheets

Scholarships will be awarded on Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31, 2026 as part of the Graduate Recognition events.

Instructions

Included in this packet are: 4-page application form, reference form, and Reference Letters & Activity Evaluation Sheets. In completing your application, please type or write legibly in ink. Application Form: In Parts III and IV, "time commitment" refers to the amount of time you spent in the activity (hours per week/month, weeks or months per year). It is generally expected that church activities will involve an extended time commitment. Activities that do not involve a year long commitment may be listed in Part IV.

Selection Criteria

Criteria*	Points
Church Activities	50
School/Community Activities	20
Essay	15
References & Evaluation	15
Total	100

References & Activity Evaluation Sheets:

Obtain at least two (2) letters of reference and activity evaluation sheet (form attached) from adults in charge of activities directly related to Apex UMC (e.g. a small group leader, YES work team leader, AOSP work team leader, or pastor) and one (1) letter of reference and activity evaluation sheet from an adult in charge of an activity NOT directly related to Apex UMC (e.g. a teacher, school club activity sponsor, sports coach, camp counselor, or minister from a conference event, but not an Apex UMC pastor). Include your sealed references and evaluation sheets with your application.

It is your responsibility to see that all references and evaluations are in the Committee's hands by the application deadline. Please distribute these evaluation sheets as soon as possible to allow enough time for the evaluator to give a proper response and return the form by the application deadline.

I. BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
 First **Middle** **Last**

Parents: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Colleges applied too:

1) _____ Acceptance: _____

2) _____ Acceptance: _____

3) _____ Acceptance: _____

II. ESSAY QUESTION

Please limit your essays to a maximum of one page and please attach the essay to the end of your application

Name the one area of ministry where you feel you have contributed the most.
Describe how your efforts in this area have had a positive effect on others.



REFERENCE LETTER & ACTIVITY EVALUATION

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Applicant's Name: _____

ACTIVITY EVALUATION					
<i>Please write in the area(s) in which you have observed or supervised the applicant and your evaluation of their performance and commitment to listed activity.</i>					
Activity:					
Grade	Very Active	Active	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
9th Grade					
10th Grade					
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Questions may be directed to tanner.johnson@apexumc.org. Thank you!

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