

ELTON AND GLADYS MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Offered by St. Paul United Methodist Church (SPUMC)

Application for academic year 2024 – 2025

Send or bring the original and all items of the application and required additional information to **St. Paul United Methodist Church, Attn: Pam Tribbie, 1498 Rosery Rd. NE, Largo, FL 33770 by May 30, 2024.**

General information: Applicants and/or their parent(s) must have been active members of SPUMC for at least one year prior to the date application is received by the church. The scholarship is available to children of members of SPUMC requiring financial assistance to attend accredited colleges or universities as a full-time undergraduate student for a maximum of four consecutive years.

Selection will be made without regard to the applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, sex, marital status, or physical limitations.

Applicant's Name: _____

Parent(s)' Name(s): _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area code and Telephone Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____

High School: _____

College/University Choice(s): _____

Academic information:

SAT score: _____ ACT score: _____

Cumulative high school grade point average (4.0) Scale: _____

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In completing areas below, include church activities as well as school and other community service. You may use the backside of this sheet for additional space.

Honors and Awards:

Offices and Positions Held:

School and Community Activities:

Required Additional Information:

1. Applicant's essay (see guidelines)
2. An official, certified high school transcript (grades 9 - 12)
3. History of applicant's employment if any
4. Certification of SAT / ACT scores, if not included on high school transcript
5. Financial Aid Worksheet (FAFSA) (to be completed by each college or university)
6. Copy of college acceptance letter(s)
7. Three references (at least two from outside the church membership)

I certify this information to be true, complete, and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I further authorize release of my name in connection with announcements of scholarship awards if I am selected a Morgan Scholar. I further understand that continuation of this scholarship requires full-time enrollment, maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA and continued compliance with the original criteria.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date of Submission: ____/____/____

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Essay Guidelines

Each applicant must submit an original essay which will aid the committee in making award decisions. The following points may be addressed, along with others of your choosing.

1. Why do you wish to attend an institution of higher education?
2. What do you want to accomplish in the next 4 years? 10 years?
3. What / who have been major influences in your life (other than family members)?
4. What role do you see the church playing in your life - both to date and in the future?

Structure and Form:

1. **Length and Format.** Papers may be anywhere between 750 and 1500 words in length. This is the equivalent of 3 to 6 typed, double-spaced pages. All papers must be typed and double-spaced. Handwritten essays will not be considered. Two copies of the essay must be submitted.
2. **Sincerity.** Applications will be judged, in part, on the qualities of sincerity.
3. **Originality.** Content should be in the writer's own words and style.
4. **Consistency of Theme.**
5. **Composition.** Scoring will consider the writer's use of language, grammar, spelling and punctuation.
6. **Illustrations.** At your option, you may include photos, illustrations, or other graphics / media which will help the readers know you better.