



RIVERSTONE

April 2025

Dear Applicant,

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

The Riverstone 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 April 20th. Applications received after the deadline above will not receive priority.

Sincerely,

Ben Espinoza

Lead Pastor

RIVERSTONE 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.

RIVERSTONE WESLEYAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

- 1) Do you consider Riverstone Wesleyan Church to be your regular, primary church? _____
- 2) How long have you regularly attended Riverstone? _____
- 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 Riverstone Wesleyan Church this year? Use the back of this page.

(Your Signature)

Please return this application to:

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