

# Katherine T. Smith Scholarship

## Applicant Guidelines for 2024-2025 School year

**Please read guidelines in their entirety before starting application. Students reapplying for scholarship need only to submit information indicated by asterisks (\*).**

1. **First time applicants only** must submit 2 letters from Anona's Leadership Staff explaining applicant's association with Anona United Methodist Church.
2. **First time applicants only** must submit 2 letters regarding service or involvement to church, community or school from members of the community or church recommending them for an educational scholarship. Letters may show economic need as well as the field they have chosen.
- \*3. **All applicants** must submit proof of economic status by submitting parent's **most recent (2022)** W-2 Tax Return information. If applicant is self-supported, they must submit their own **most recent (2022)** W-2 and Tax Return information. W-2 and Tax Return information shall be held in confidence and be given to an accountant to be reviewed for qualification of financial need. If income tax forms have not been completed the applicant may submit their estimated tax form to the committee.  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS TO BE SUBMITTED IN A SEPARATE, SEALED ENVELOPE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION WITH NAME OF THE APPLICANT ON THE OUTSIDE AND MARKED CONFIDENTIAL.**
- \*4. **All applicants** must submit an **official transcript** indicating Grade Point Average (GPA) for the previous year and most recently completed semester. Grades should be no less than a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (**submitting unofficial transcripts will disallow application for consideration**).
- \*5. Scholarship shall be for a period of 1 year awarded annually. Applicant may reapply annually not to exceed a total of \$5000.00 for an undergraduate/technical school degree and \$15,000 for a seminary degree.
- \*6. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION IS January 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.** In order to be considered for a scholarship, a **COMPLETED application and all required materials must be received by noon on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.** Return completed application and all additional required materials to:
  - **Anona United Methodist Church Attention: Scholarship Committee**
  - **13233 Indian Rocks Road Largo, Florida 33774**
- \*7. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by February 7th. Applicants may be interviewed during this time. The interview may occur in person or by phone.
- \*8. Scholarships will be awarded as early as February 16<sup>th</sup> and no later than September 1st, 2024, after approval. Recipients will be notified in person, by mail or email by February 29th, 2024. Scholarships awarded shall be in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per scholarship for a maximum of \$5,000 for the total post-secondary education. Graduate students who are full-time ministerial candidates may be awarded funds not to exceed \$3,000 per scholarship up to a maximum of \$12,000 for the total seminary graduate experience. Checks will be made payable to the educational institution, unless designated otherwise on the application. They will be sent by certified mail.
- \*9. Scholarships may be submitted for all types of post-secondary education and are thereby not limited to college degrees.
10. Ministerial candidates who have been accepted or enrolled in a United Methodist accredited Master of Divinity or Doctoral Program on a full-time or part-time basis shall have special preference over all other applicants.
- \*11. **The application must be typed or print by hand.**

### ***For Applicant Use***

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*Please attach the following in this order.*

- Application (**all** questions answered / typed or printed / signatures)
- Endorsement letter(s) by Anona UMC pastors and/or staff
- Most recent official transcript of credits attached
- Parent / Guardian / Student financial statement completed & signed
- Attach your paragraph, career, and study goals & plans
- Other letters of recommendation

**APPLICATION**  
**Katherine T. Smith**  
**Scholarship Fund**

**Anona United Methodist Church**  
**13233 Indian Rocks Road**  
**Largo FL 33774**  
**727 – 595 – 2581**

**PLEASE PRINT BY HAND OR TYPE**

**Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Campus or Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ American citizen (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a ministerial candidate (check one)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*First-time applicants are required to submit 2 letters from members of the Anona staff and 2 letters from members of the church or community per Applicant Guidelines #1 and #2.**

**Academic Information**

**Check One For 2024-2025 School Year:**

Full-time Student (12+ credit hours) \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time Student (less than 12 credit hours) \_\_\_\_\_

Education Intention: Degree: (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate or CEUs (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

School, College, University or Seminary Attending or Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

School Location (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated or Current Major \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship check should be made out to (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school (to mail check) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID if assigned (need to provide, once you have this) \_\_\_\_\_

Schools attended in the last 5 years:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of school \_\_\_\_\_ entrance date \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of school \_\_\_\_\_ entrance date \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_

High School Anticipated Date of Grad (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

**High School GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

College Anticipated Date of Grad (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

**Current GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

Honor Student (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Service Club(s) (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Athletic Team(s) or Band (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Academic Club/Organization (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Club/Org \_\_\_\_\_

Other School Activities, Clubs, or Recognitions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write and attach at least one paragraph identifying your educational and career goals. Include any other information that you feel is important for the scholarship committee to consider in regard to your application.**

\*\*\*Remember to include an official school transcript with your application\*\*\*

**Financial Information**

Check Which Applies: First time K.T. Smith Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ or Reapplication \_\_\_\_\_ (see bullet below)

- I have received the K.T. Smith Scholarship # \_\_\_\_\_ times previously.

Status (Check One): Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single Head of Household \_\_\_\_\_ (# of dependents \_\_\_\_\_)

Have you been granted other scholarship aid (Y/N)?: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to apply for scholarships at the post-secondary school you plan to attend (Y/N)?: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you or your family apply for student loans or have access to other sources of financial aid to support your education (Y/N)?: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Plans:**

Will it be necessary for you to work while attending college (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_ hrs/wk \_\_\_\_\_

Family size: \_\_\_\_\_ (This number includes parents, student applicant, other dependent children and others if the parents are providing more than one-half of the applicant's support)

List other dependent family members attending post-secondary schools.

Family Relation to Applicant	Place of attendance	FT/PT
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Describe any obligations that may impact the financial resources of the family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Remember to include you or your parent's 2022 W-2 and Tax Form with your application.

**Church and Community Involvement**

Member of Anona (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe involvement in Anona UMC ministries (Use separate page if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community Volunteer (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe community volunteer involvement (Use separate page if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All of the information included in the application materials is true to the best of my knowledge:

Student applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicant is a minor)

**IMPORTANT: Complete the “Application Checklist” on the Applicant Guidelines page to ensure that you have completed all application requirements.**

**Committee Application Checklist**

<b>APPLICATION CHECK LIST:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Application (all questions answered / printed or typed / signatures) <input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement letter(s) by Anona pastors and/or staff <input type="checkbox"/> Most recent Transcript of credits attached <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian / Students financial statement completed & signed <input type="checkbox"/> Paragraph career and study goals and plans <input type="checkbox"/> Other letters of recommendation
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COMMITTEE FOR KATHERINE T. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS Amount Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_