

# PROCEDURES FOR AWARD OF INEZ CRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

## PURPOSE

The Inez Crain Scholarship Fund has been established at St. John's United Methodist Church to recognize those who have served their church and to supplement the financial needs of St. John's members who are enrolled in higher education. Inez Crain loved her church and education. We honor her and her lifetime of service to Christ in the presentation of these awards. It is open to graduating seniors pursuing higher education. Funding for this scholarship is provided as a budget item and supplemented through the gifts of St. John's members, church offerings, designated gifts, and fund-raisers.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee will be comprised of the following persons:

- Youth Advisory Council (Any member with an applicant will be recused from the selection process.)
- The Director of Student Ministries and Assistant Director of Student Ministries in an advisory role only.

## ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

1. Be an active member of St. John's United Methodist Church.
2. Be accepted by an accredited college, university, or tech school for the next full term.
3. Provide scholarship committee with an application letter which includes (a) biographical information; (b) a statement of future goals; (c) a summary of servant leadership to the church; and (d) summary of the applicant's faith journey.

## PROCESS

1. Applications will be available on the church website ([www.stjaiken.org](http://www.stjaiken.org)) on January 15 for potential scholarship recipients. The availability of applications will be announced through the church newsletter and bulletin, Sunday school classrooms, and youth group meetings.
2. Applications are due from students no later than April 28th.
3. The scholarship will be awarded on an academic year basis. To allow more students to receive this honor, it is a one-time award. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1000 minimum. The exact amount a student receives and the number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Youth Advisory Council based upon funds available at the time of application.
4. The Committee will rank applications based on the following criteria:
  - a. Commitment and dedication to St. John's UMC.
  - b. Evidence of the type of activity participated in as shown on the attached sheet.
5. Scholarships will be awarded on Graduation Sunday. All applicants will be notified by email prior to that day.
6. The decision of the Youth Advisory Council is final.