

Catawba United Methodist Women - Scholarship Guidelines
Fifth Revision – January 2014

- Item 1:** **Sponsoring Organization** – The Catawba United Methodist Women
- Item 2:** **Objectives and Eligibility-** One member of the congregation – or a member of the current pastor’s family – will be selected each year to receive help with educational expenses incurred from a four-year college, junior college, community college, school of nursing, technical school or business college. Former recipients are eligible to reapply for the scholarship for subsequent years of study.
- Item 3:** **Amount-** The scholarship is set at **\$1,000** and will be made payable to both the student and to the school of the student’s choice. Changes in the amount of the scholarship may be made by vote of the UMW as economic conditions arise.
- Item 4:** **Requirements-** All students applying for this scholarship must submit a formal letter to the president of the UMW. The letter should include the student’s church, school and civic activities, honors received, grade point average and plans for the future. The letter will be kept in strict confidence.
- Item 5:** **Selection-** The scholarship selection committee will be comprised of UMW executive team members. In the event a child or grandchild of an executive team member should apply, that person shall withdraw to avoid a conflict of interest.
- Item 6:** **Deadlines-** All requests are due by **April 15th**. Applications may be turned in to the president of the UMW or to the church office. Upon receipt of all applications, the scholarship committee will meet to select one recipient. The selection will be based on both merit and need. The scholarship will be awarded on Graduate Sunday or by June 15th, whichever comes first. All applications will be kept on file with the UMW secretary for one year and may be returned upon request. Recipient applications will be kept in a permanent file.
- Item 7:** **Conditions of Refund-** The scholarship recipient agrees to refund the money in the event they do not enter school as planned or if the student withdraws from school during that year without just cause. Consideration will be given in cases of personal or family illness, personal injury, etc. If the scholarship is returned for any reason, the selection committee shall award the scholarship to another student who submitted a timely application by April 15th. In the event that the scholarship is returned and there are no other applicants, the money shall be returned to the UMW scholarship fund.