



Scholarship Ministry Team

Alida Smith Memorial Scholarship Application

For community college, undergraduate, and graduate students connected to Foundry

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the form below.
2. Gather the following documents:
 - a. Essay. See prompts below.
 - b. Copy of your most recent academic transcript.*
 - c. Copy of the last page of your FAFSA or verification of free/reduced lunch if you would like us to consider financial need.*
- * If you cannot obtain one or both of these documents, you are still encouraged to apply.
3. Submit everything to scholarships@foundryumc.org or drop it off at the church office by the application deadline.

APPLICATION FORM:

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Which community college/university are you attending in the fall? if you have not yet chosen which school to attend, please list your most likely prospects.

Academic Status/Grade Level in the Fall:

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- 1st Year
- 2nd Year
- Other: _____

What course of study (major) are you pursuing or do you plan to pursue? For this question, please list your major, concentration, or subject of study. If you have not yet chosen a major or are uncertain, please say "undecided."

Expected Degree:

- AA
- BA/BS
- MA/MS/MBA
- PhD/EdD/JD
- Other: _____

If you are currently in high school, tell us which high school you attend.

What is your current cumulative GPA?

What is your connection to Foundry?

- I am a member.
- I am not a member but attend services.
- A relative is a member.
- Other:

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

- Foundry worship guide (bulletin)
- Foundry website
- Foundry Family Ministries Newsletter
- From a Foundry staff member
- From a friend or relative who is a member of Foundry
- Other:

Tell us about your life outside of classes. Do you participate in any school, church, or community service activities? Did you hold leadership positions in any of these? Do you work? Do you help take care of any family members?

Is there any other information you would like the scholarship committee to know in their review of your application?

ESSAY:

Choose ONE of the following essay prompts and write a response. Make sure to choose the essay prompt that most aligns with your passions and experience. **Submit your essay as a Word doc or PDF with your scholarship form and transcript.** Maximum length: 650 words. (*Note* topics taken from Common Application 2016-2017)

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.