SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

THE REVEREND DONALD J. AND MRS. JOYCE C. BOWER MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE PRESTON BULLER MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE DOROTHY R. SMEDLEY MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Reverend Donald J. Bower (pastor of Hopewell from 1956 to 1982) and his wife Mrs. Joyce C. Bower both held a special interest in religious, academic, vocational, and continuing education. The purpose of the Bower Scholarship is to encourage and strengthen those who actively participate in the ministries and missions of Hopewell United Methodist Church in the development of their Christian faith, education and service by providing scholarships for college, for special vocational training, or grants to enable special Christian service.

Mr. Preston Buller gave of his time and used his gifts generously in order to maintain the working order of the facility to ensure an environment of safety and worship for all who passed through its doors. The purpose of the Buller Scholarship is to encourage and strengthen those who actively participate in the ministries and missions of Hopewell United Methodist Church in the development of their technical ability, education and service by providing scholarships for college, or special vocational training.

Mrs. Dorothy R. Smedley was an 81-year member of Hopewell who dedicated her entire career to nursing. The purpose of the Smedley Scholarship is to encourage and strengthen youth and other congregants of Hopewell United Methodist Church in the pursuit of their education in the nursing or other healthcare field.

This scholarship application consists of this form and a brief essay. This application form enables the Scholarship Committee members to understand and appreciate the candidate’s church attendance, service, and personal involvement in Hopewell and related ministries, as well as to provide a qualitative barometer of financial need. The application essay enables the Scholarship Committee members to understand and appreciate the candidate’s faith in God and what the candidate’s future plans entail. Candidates are encouraged to be descriptive yet concise, recognizing that Scholarship Committee members may not know you personally.

Name of Applicant: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Street Address and City: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Name of Father or Guardian: ___________________________ Employed by: ___________________________

Name of Mother or Guardian: ___________________________ Employed by: ___________________________

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend (if applicable): ___________________________ Yearly cost of room, board & tuition: ___________________________

Revised February 2020
In what activities do you participate, or have you participated, that facilitate growth in your Christian faith?

☐ Bible Study/LifeGroup  ☐ Sunday School, Middle School  ☐ Sunday School, High School
☐ Worship Attendance
☐ Other (please specify):

Please elaborate on your participation in each of the above selected activities. Include your role(s) and time frame of participation. Use additional paper if necessary.

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In which Hopewell youth programs/activities do you participate, or have you participated?

☐ Sunday Night Youth Group  ☐ Youth Council  ☐ Confirmation
☐ Student Leadership  ☐ Student Retreats/Rallies  ☐ Student Fundraising
☐ Other (please specify):

Please elaborate on your participation in each of the above selected programs. Include your roles and time frame of participation. Use additional paper if necessary.

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In which Hopewell Ministries do you or have you participated:

- ☐ Summer Mission Trips
- ☐ Pioneer Club
- ☐ Tech Team
- ☐ Other (please specify):

Please elaborate on your participation in each of the ministries you identified. Include your roles and time frame of participation. Use additional paper if necessary.

List Brothers & Sisters | Ages | If any are in College, List Name of College
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Are you applying for financial aid through other sources?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you received any financial award to date?  
Yes ☐ No ☐ Amount $ __________
This form and an essay prepared by the applicant must be completed and returned to the church office. In a formal essay of 900 words or less, please describe your relationship with God and your involvement at Hopewell United Methodist Church. Based on your experience of God, please answer the following question: "How might God grow my gifts and use me to bring light to the world and glory to God’s name?" Your answer should include a description of your intended major/vocation.

____________________ Signature of applicant  __________ Date  __________________ Signature of parent or guardian

Note – Only one application is necessary to be eligible for either scholarship

***** Application deadline May 22, 2020 *****
Return completed application to Becky Bennington, mailbox B-2
Applications can be e-mailed to becky@hopewellumc.org
OR placed in the “Staff Communications” mailbox in the vestibule.