

## THE FINNUP SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The mission of the Finnup Scholarship is to enable active members of the Community Congregational Church and employees and immediate family members of the employees to pursue education beyond high school, and continuing education which will benefit the congregation or church at large.

The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for all decisions concerning the awarding of scholarships; all decisions will be made by consensus of those committee members present. No decision made by the Scholarship Committee will be considered precedent for future decisions.

### **UNDERGRADUATE AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION:**

The awards for the pursuit of an undergraduate degree or technical education certificate will include tuition and the approximate cost of books. The maximum amount awarded to each student will not exceed \$3,000.00 per semester for tuition and books. This will not exceed the cost for full time attendance for five school years (excluding summer school).

### **GRADUATE SCHOOL:**

The awards for the pursuit of graduate degrees will be limited to no more than three years of postgraduate study. No decision made by the Scholarship Committee will be considered precedent for future decisions.

### **SEMINARY/DIVINITY SCHOOL:**

The awards for the pursuit of divinity degrees will be made on an individual basis. No decision made by the Scholarship Committee will be considered precedent for future decisions.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

The awards for the pursuit of continuing education will be made on an individual basis. No decision made by the Scholarship Committee will be considered precedent for future decisions.

With the advent of "electronic classrooms" and "distance learning" opportunities, flexibility and creativity in the definition of education venues will be required for the mission of "membership education" to be accomplished. The Scholarship Committee encourages the membership of the Community Congregational Church to pursue such opportunities from accredited institutions and will consider each situation on an individual basis.

### **Please Note:**

- ◆ Applications for the **fall** semester must be submitted by **June 1**, **spring** by **November 15**, and **summer school** by **April 1**.
- ◆ A copy of the applicant's previous semester's transcript shall accompany the application.
- ◆ Please attach a paragraph to your application stating what you accomplished last semester for publication in the *Community Calls*. If you are a first time applicant, please attach a paragraph stating what you hope to accomplish in the upcoming semester.
- ◆ It is expected that recipients will participate in church activities
- ◆ Recipients must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 to be eligible for the following semester.
- ◆ Initial application interviews will be conducted by the scholarship committee and each recipient will be re-interviewed annually.
- ◆ Checks for tuition will be made out and mailed directly to the school.
- ◆ Assistance will be awarded to accredited institutions only.