

Church of Christ

Maude Davis Trust Scholarship Program

The following outlines the responsibilities, policies, procedures and forms for the operation of the Maude Davis Trust (MDT) Scholarship Program at the St. Joseph Church of Christ in St. Joseph, Illinois.

1. The COC Board of Trustees is responsible for the oversight and management of the (MDT) Scholarship Program. They will update and make revisions to the program as needed.
2. Funds for the COC Scholarship Program are provided by The Maude Davis Trust and other willing scholarship contributors. The amount provided by The Maude Davis Trust is determined by the structure of The Maude Davis Trust and the annual performance of its farming operations. As such, the amount of scholarship funds available can vary each year.
3. Trustees will set the amount of the scholarship awarded to each recipient and may retain a portion of the total scholarship funds to offset potential shortfalls in future years. Retained scholarship funds will only be used for future scholarship awards.
4. Scholarship applicants must love the Lord and exhibit a genuine concern for His work. Applicants must be regular attendees of the St. Joseph COC and be active in its faith life. As students they must also be regular attendees of a local Christ based church, or Christian Campus House while at their college location.
5. Applications will be taken from high school and college students and adults within the church seeking professional certifications and course work. Priority of funds will be to high school seniors headed to higher education, then current higher education students, and then adults.
6. High School Applicants should apply for their first semester of college attendance before their 20th birthday to receive ongoing consideration for scholarship funds. Applicants serving in the military have one year to apply for scholarship consideration after returning from active duty or their 25th birthday, whichever comes first.

7. Adults seeking scholarships for professional development will need to submit the scholarship application. Selection of adult scholarships will happen after high school and higher education students.
8. Applicants may receive up to 2 semesters of scholarship funds for each year of the degree or certificate they are pursuing to a limit of 8 semesters for those pursuing a degree or certification. Qualified students pursuing a full-time career in ministry at a Bible College may be awarded 2 additional semesters of scholarship funds to cover an additional year of study.
9. Students may be enrolled as part-time or full-time students in pursuit of a degree or certificate.
10. Students pursuing graduate, advanced degrees or summer classes are not eligible for scholarship awards under the COC Scholarship Program if a 3rd party is covering the costs.
11. All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the COC Board of Trustees. The Trustees may also schedule applicant interviews and may also consult with church elders as part of the review and approval process.
12. To determine students worthy of scholarship awards, the Trustees will evaluate each applicant on the basis of their:
 - a. Faith statement
 - b. Church life participation
 - c. Career goals
 - d. Education being pursued
 - e. Extracurricular activities
 - f. Grade performance
 - g. Letter of reference
 - h. Financial need
 - i. Other considerations
13. If applicants believe they have other circumstances or reasons they should be considered for a scholarship award they should attach a written explanation to their application packet for consideration.

14. Scholarship awards are made annually, but paid out before each semester. Approved scholarship funds are paid in the form of a check from the COC Scholarship Fund.
15. Some colleges need to receive church scholarship funds directly in order to provide scholarship matching funds. Students who need to have their check sent directly to their college need to indicate their mailing preference on the scholarship application form. Otherwise the check will be sent to the student's home address.
16. Students receiving scholarships from the Maude Davis Trust Scholarship Fund are responsible to notify the church office if their college enrollment status changes or if the student is at risk of not earning the expected GPA for a given semester. Unused scholarship funds for canceled semesters will be returned to the COC Trustees to reimburse the Maude Davis Trust for future scholarship awards.
17. First time applicants must include a hard copy of their high school transcripts with their application. Renewal applicants must include a hard copy of their previous semester's grade both with their annual renewal application and separately at the completion of each fall semester. The expected grade performance for the Maude Davis Trust Scholarship Program is a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for both initial and renewal consideration. Adults earning nongraded credits or certifications will need to provide a certificate of completion prior to receiving their scholarship.
18. The Maude Davis Trust Scholarship Application can be printed off from the church's website. Both initial and annual renewal applications and related documents for scholarship consideration must be submitted to the COC Church office in hardcopy or digital copies submitted to trustees@sjcoc.com by February 28th (or date specified) of each year for the upcoming fall and spring semester school year. Students will be notified of their award status by the 31st of March.
19. Church staff may submit an application for student loan payment reimbursement. In the event significant students are seeking scholarship funds, this option will be suspended for a year. The ability for staff to submit applications will be taken after student applicants have been notified and if scholarship funds are still available.

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Scholarship Application Form Application Date: _____ Application:

Initial / Renewal

Submit by February 28th

Student: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

E-mail: _____

1) Student Faith Statement

2) Student Career Goals

3) Student Extracurricular Activities

Please list extracurricular activities you have actively participated in, started or been a member of, in church, business, leadership, athletics, military or community service, or other civic organizations and clubs or events. Also list significant personal accomplishments or anything else you would like us to consider for your application.

4) Attending College

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Degree being pursued:
Major: _____
Minor: _____

5) Mail scholarship funds to: Student / College (circle one)

Include the following information if you want the scholarship funds to be mailed to your attending college:

Financial Aid Office Contact: _____
Financial Aid Office Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____
Financial Aid Office Email: _____

6) For renewal applications please include local church information:

Church: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

_____ Date _____
Student Signature

_____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian Signature

May God bless you as you pursue your education and prepare to use your gifts and talents to further His kingdom work in His world.