

Special Scholarship Program with Bethel College

Fairview encourages giving to our denominational college, Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Our church and the college have joined together for an unbeatable scholarship plan to aid both Fairview students and value-minded Fairview attenders who want to receive optimal tax benefits. For details on this special program please pick up the Bethel College Matching Scholarship Fund brochure from the literature rack.

Since 2000, Bethel College students have received over \$65,000 from FMC and that amount has been matched by Bethel College for a total benefit of \$130,000 for our Bethel students.

Application Procedure

1. Pick up a scholarship packet in the literature rack. If you are a new applicant email Pastor Jake: jake@fairviewangola.com and request a digital application. Complete and submit the application.
2. See if your school has a "Church Matching" scholarship. If it does obtain the right forms and get them to Jake by March 1st or 3 weeks before the schools deadline.
3. Work on completing 15-20 volunteer hours at FMC. In the packet details are suggestions for completing your hours
4. Once your hours are complete submit the digital record form to Pastor Jake.



FAIRVIEW COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

**Christian College
Scholarship Fund**

Administered by the
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Fairview Missionary Church
Contact Jake Shipe for details

Christian College Scholarship Program

Fairview Missionary Church realizes that certain colleges are in close doctrinal harmony with the Missionary Church in educating future full-time Christian workers and lay leaders. We feel that those students within our congregation who attend distinctively Christian colleges should be partially supported financially by our local church as they attend such institutions. FMC has adopted the CCCU's, "Council for Christian Colleges & Universities," definition of a distinctively Christian school. FMC will use the CCCU's approved list of schools as those we will send money to by way of a "Church Matching Grant." To find CCCU'S requirements to be considered a distinctively Christian school and to see which school's are approved see this website: www.cccu.org

How you may give to the Scholarship Program

Fairview attenders are encouraged to earmark financial gifts to the scholarship program but not to list a recipient's name. These are tax deductible, since they are a gift to the church. The fund was first established in 1989 and through the generosity of individuals in the congregation and matching grants from various schools, Fairview students in undergraduate courses have received over \$165,000 since 2000. Bethel College students benefit from a separate program and aid to them is not included in this amount.

All decisions as to individual amounts and the institutions involved are made by Jake Shipe. Your gifts and the distribution of them are handled by the Financial Secretary and the Church Treasurer.

Who qualifies for the scholarship fund?

The student and/or family must be a consistent attender of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Indiana. Jake Shipe shall determine "consistent attender." The student must be an undergraduate working toward a bachelor's or associate's degree, accepted by the designated school, before being considered for a scholarship. The student must remain in good standing in the college. College students who benefit from the college scholarship fund are asked to continue to make Fairview their home church while in college and to attend Fairview when home from college. Scholarship funds are considered a grant, not a loan. The student will, however, be encouraged, but not pressured, to give to the program when he/she is eventually able to do so.

How Funds are Awarded

Awards will be made based on the number of years the student/family has attended FMC. Generally, the award will be \$250 for each year, starting with the freshman year, not to exceed \$1000. Therefore, a student who attends FMC all their high school years would likely receive \$1,000 per year they attend a Christian college. Someone who begins attending FMC their junior year in high school would receive \$500 for their freshman year in college, \$750 for their sophomore year, and \$1,000 each year for junior and senior year (actual amount could vary based on the factors listed above).

Many colleges will match, dollar for dollar, the gift that churches give to a scholarship fund. Matching gifts are sent to the Scholarship Fund at the college where the student will be attending, not to the student, and the student's school account will be credited that amount.

College Students Asked to volunteer 15-20 hours

College students who benefit from the college scholarship fund are asked to make a commitment to Fairview by volunteering 15-20 hours. College students have many God-given gifts and a godly maturity that can greatly impact the lives of those around them. That fact, and because of the investment the church makes in the lives of college students through the scholarship fund, we ask for a special commitment from each recipient to be involved in some form of FMC ministry. The 15-20 hours can be achieved in many different ways throughout the school year a recipient is receiving funds. Listed in the scholarship packet are volunteer opportunities as well as the contact information for those overseeing the various areas of ministry at FMC.

Additional Info

A scholarship packet can be picked up in the literature rack in the foyer or viewed online on FMC's website under the "Resources" tab. If you have any questions about the process please contact Jake Shipe. You can email him at jake@fairviewangola.com or call him at 260-665-8402. Below is a list of deadlines and items due at the given deadline:

- (By March 1st or 3 weeks prior to your schools' deadline) Turn in your **"Church Matching" form** to Jake Shipe in the church office
- (By the end of May) Submit the digital **"FMC Scholarship" form** to Jake Shipe
- (Before you head to school in the fall) Complete 15-20 hours of voluntary service, details are in "FMC College Scholarship Packet"