BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HISTORY

- The Scholarship Fund is believed to have started with a donation by Robert Bolt in the amount of $10,000.00 to the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in honor of his wife Sarah, prior to 1987.

- The first available financial record of the fund is from the transfer of all the Church accounts into the ACS system, and is dated December 31, 2012. Two CDs ($10,789.45 and $15,713.97) and two additional journal entries ($4,741.70 and $500.00) were credited to the (Bolt) Scholarship Fund. The fund balance by March 31, 2013, was $31,745.00.

- The Scholarship Fund was originally constituted as a loan program, at some point it morphed into a hybrid loan and grant program, and in 2013 became a full grant program.

- From 2014 until 2024 $ 40,100 was granted to 15 students. The awards have ranged in size from $ 3,000.00 to $600.00 (4 students received first and second year awards of $1500 each for $3000 total in the years 2018 & 2019. Almost all other awards were for a single year for $2,000 each. .

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

- The Scholarship Fund was created from gifts made to the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in memory or in honor of family and friends. Additional funds may be added to the fund as they are received in honor or in memory of the family and friends of church members. At this point ALL funds from the Bolt Scholarship have been expended. Funding is a matter for Session determination based on input from Finance MT.

- The Scholarship Fund of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church awards grants to High School graduates who are active members of the church (i.e., have joined through confirmation or by profession of faith) who either have been accepted as a full or part-time student in pursuit of a degree at an accredited community college, college, or university; or are pursuing a vocational path outside a degree-granting institution including apprenticeships.

- The student must apply as directed below in the Senior year of High School. Should the student decide to take a Gap year between high school and further education the he or she may re-apply for the Scholarship the following year. No further extensions are permitted.

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- The Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church Scholarship Awards Committee will consist of an Elder (does not need to be currently active) from each of the Christian Education, Church Family Fellowship, and Outreach Ministry Teams, and one member from the Congregation at large.

- Application forms should be made available no later than the last business day in March, and returned by the last business day of April.

- The Scholarships will be awarded before the start of each of the services on the last Sunday before Memorial Day weekend in May.

- Evaluation criteria include:

    1. The applicant should be a faithful servant of God and the congregation.

    2. Applicant should be active in the fellowship and the outreach of the church, e.g., Sunday School, youth group, mission trips, Boy Scouts, El Centro, Sharing House, Black Mountain Home for Children, and other ministries.

    3. School extracurricular activities and work experience are considered.

- The selection of the award recipients is solely at the discretion of the Scholarship Awards Committee. Barring changes at the behest of Session. the award amount will be $2,000.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the application (2 pages) and submit it to the Church office no later than April 30.

2. Print legibly or type.

3. Attach a documentation of your acceptance into a post- High School course of study.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Month/Year of HS Graduation: _____

Name of HS: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED

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FUTURE PLANS

If planning to attend college or university:

Name of School you will be attending: _____

Program or major, intent: _____

If plans include something other than college/university:

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CHURCH AND/OR OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE

B-DRPC Church Member Since: _____

List your involvement in church activities:

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List your involvement with community service activities:

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WORK EXPERIENCE

If you have been or are currently working, please list your employer(s), hours/week, and length of employment.

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Please include any additional information that you feel will help the Scholarship Awards Committee evaluate your application.

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Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of responsible parent or guardian, if applicable:

_____ Date: _____

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