

The Steve and Betty Bell Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Pages 1-3 to be printed, filled out, and returned with the required supporting documents mentioned below.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Birth date: _____

Permanent Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

College Address, if Applicable:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Higher education institution you plan to attend in 2022-23 (Freshmen, list schools to which you have applied; in order to receive this scholarship, you must be accepted by scholarship award date):

Level in the scholarship year (2022-23):

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Major course of study: _____

Career goal: _____

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RELIGIOUS INFORMATION

Date joined or started attending BUMC: _____

Average attendance at Church, Sunday School or UMYF (average number of Sundays per month):

Church: _____ Sunday School: _____ UMYF: _____

Religious organizations in which you are involved (e.g., Wesley Foundation, Campus Crusade for Christ, etc.); briefly describe your participation and attach additional sheet if necessary:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Cumulative Grade Point Average (high school): _____

High school name and graduation date: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (post-secondary, if applicable) _____

Please enclose a copy of all applicable transcripts to support the above information (photocopies of transcripts accepted).

If applicable, attach a listing of any other academic information that should be considered with application such as:

- School-related honors or elective offices held
- Faculty-sponsored extra-curricular activities
- Work experience

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FAMILY FINANCIAL DATA

Household Adjusted Gross Income reported to the IRS for the previous tax year:

Under \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$49,999 \$50,000 - \$74,999
 \$75,000 - \$99,999 \$100,000 or above

List siblings (with ages) living at home. Also list additional family information that applicant requests to be considered in the review of this application (assets or liabilities, additional family members enrolled in college, amount applicant will need to pay on his/her own for college, etc.)—attach additional sheet if necessary:

OTHER INFORMATION

Attach a short essay (250-300 words) describing your proposed major, career/vocation interest, and/or what you hope to achieve at the educational institution you will attend.

Also attach two (2) letters of recommendation (NOT from a relative), including relationship to applicant (e.g., teacher, pastor, etc.) and addressing the applicant's leadership qualities, religious activities or academic achievement. A sealed envelope is not required.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ENDORSEMENT (if applicant is under 18)

I have read this application in full and affirm that all of the data provided is accurate and complete, and that the applicant has been accepted at _____ (Post-Secondary Institution).

FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN NOT YET ACCEPTED: I understand that the applicant must be accepted at one of the institutions listed on this application in order to be eligible for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Note: By signing this form, applicant and applicant's parents or guardian do hereby acknowledge that Steve and Betty Bell Scholarships are awarded as a matter of grace and not as a matter of right, and that the Award Committee of the Steve and Betty Bell Scholarship shall have the sole discretion to determine who the recipients shall be and the amount to be awarded each recipient.

The Steve and Betty Bell Scholarship

The Steve and Betty Bell Scholarship was created in the couple's honor by their children and was initially announced in November 2000, at the couple's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration.

The Bells lived in Blacksburg for over 40 years, and during that time were active members of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church. Steve and Betty always encouraged their children to join church activities such as choir and United Methodist Youth Fellowship. They also strongly emphasized education and encouraged their children to pursue post-secondary education.

The Fund was established by the Bell children as a tribute to the couple's loving guidance and support and their commitment to higher education.

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Applicants for the scholarship must be actively involved with the Blacksburg United Methodist Church through membership, attendance while at college, or other similar commitment.

Applicants may be incoming freshmen or current students of any post-secondary institution. The criteria for awarding the scholarship include:

- Leadership qualities
- Religious activities
- Academic achievement
- Financial need

Applications for the \$2,000 scholarship will be accepted between February 1 and March 15, 2022, with the award to be announced by May 1, 2022, for the 2022-23 academic year. Completed applications and the requested supporting documents should be forwarded to:

Blacksburg United Methodist Church
Steve and Betty Bell Scholarship Fund
Attn: Church Administrator
P.O. Box 931
Blacksburg, VA 24063

Incomplete applications (including those with missing supporting documents) will not be considered by the award committee.