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Application for Scholarship Assistance from The Raymond Riefler Trust Fund 2024

This scholarship is open to members of St. James United Church of Christ and the children of members. The Church & Ministry Committee will consider applicants who are either pursuing post-graduate degree programs, or will be college seniors next year. **All applicants must be actively involved in the life of the church, and must meet the following terms of the Riefler Trust:**

Through moneys from the Raymond Riefler Trust Fund, St. James UCC is able to offer special scholarship help to aid in special training or a degree in the Human Services Field and the dissemination of Christian Education [i.e. special training, advanced degrees, mission opportunities]. The Church and Ministry Committee will recommend that scholarships be awarded to individuals based upon the individual's desire and ability to accomplish this goal.

St. James UCC has adopted the following definition of the "Dissemination of Christian Education":

We understand the dissemination of Christian Education to be the calling of all Christian persons. Each Christian individual is given the task of ministering to others - to teach, to serve and to live their life in word and in practice, as expressions of their faith.

As followers of Christ, it is the Christian mission to disseminate the message of faith through service to others. This is the definition of Christian ministry.

Each Christian brings to their ministry the resources with which God has endowed them - their talents, their abilities, their skills, and their knowledge. St. James United Church of Christ accepts this definition of ministry and seeks to encourage the development of God's gifts in varied vocations through study, training, experience and discipline. Christian Education is disseminated through teaching, through service, and /or through living lives which are an expression of faith.

A person pursuing a degree or certification in Ministry, Theology or Christian Education will receive precedence.

The Church Council of St. James UCC receives the recommendations from the Church & Ministry Committee. After they act on these recommendations, they are forwarded to the Buffalo Foundation. Their Board of Trustees has final approval of all scholarship awards. When a student receives their approval for scholarship assistance, the student will be notified, and arrangements will be made to send the scholarship directly to the school being attended.

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Please print or type. Illegible responses will not be considered.

NAME _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH. DESCRIBE IN
DETAIL HOW YOU ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

PROGRAM / DEGREE BEING PURSUED _____

INSTITUTION OR SPONSORING ORGANIZATION _____

LENGTH OF PROGRAM _____ TOTAL ESTIMATED COST _____

OTHER RESOURCES YOU HAVE AVAILABLE (list) _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

SHORT ESSAY (500 words or less)

The Will of Raymond Riefler talks about programs which will lead to the dissemination of Christian Education. Please explain in detail how the program or degree you are pursuing will help you to accomplish this. *Please print or type. Illegible responses will not be considered.*

A personal or phone interview may be requested. Additional pages may be attached.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BACK TO ST. JAMES UCC **NO LATER THAN APRIL 21, 2024.**

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Please mail or drop off your application to:

St. James United Church of Christ

76 Main Street

Hamburg, NY 14075

You may also email your application to churchoffice@hamburgucc.org

*Feel free to contact the church office at the email above or by calling 716-649-6171
to confirm receipt of your application.*