

St. John Mennonite Church
Christian College Scholarship Fund
Summary Sheet

- Goals:** to support and promote Christian higher education by encouraging church members to attend Christian colleges and seminaries; develop a climate of personal support for students attending Christian colleges and seminaries through broad congregational support to the fund.
- Funding Level:** The funding level for the 2017-2018 academic year will be dependent on the amount of funds in the college scholarship account as of June 1st. The amount of funds at that time will then be divided equally among all the participants, with the maximum amount being \$500. This is different from how it has been done previously.
- Qualifying Criteria:**
- 1) is a member of St. John Mennonite Church or is the dependent child of a member as long as that child is not a member of another church.
 - 2) is enrolled full-time as a seminary or undergraduate student at an institution which is a member of Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. (<http://www.cccu.org/about/members.asp>)
 - 3) has made application to the church college relations committee each year prior to their upcoming fall enrollment by the announced deadline.
- Application Process:** Applications are available from the church college relations committee through the church office and must be returned to the church office by February 28th.
- Student Expectations:** active participation in the religious life of the campus and must be maintaining at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Funding Sources:** This program is to be funded outside the regular church budget. All contributions to this fund are tax-deductible. Families who have a family member benefiting from this fund are asked to do what they can to help with the projected giving goal per students. Families might want to spread out their contributions over a number of years to ensure the sustainability of the fund.
- Legal Issues:**
- 1) funds must be equally available to all students.
 - 2) solicited funds are received broadly from the congregation as a whole.
 - 3) gifts given to the fund cannot be designated to benefit a specific individual.
- Committee Members:** Randy Keeler, chair; Steve Dean, Jim Dray, Neil Reichenbach, Lynn Thompson.