

# **THE BISHOP'S SCHOLAR AWARD**

## **For Students Preparing for Christian Service in the United Methodist Church**

Each year, Oklahoma City University presents the Bishop's Scholar Award to deserving students as a part of its effort to identify and support academically advanced United Methodist youth who are committed to a career in Christian service to the Church. Interested students must fulfill the eligibility requirements and complete the application process listed below.

**NOTE:** Recipients of the award are required to help at University-Church Relations Office functions and special events on campus as needed. In addition, they are expected to be student leaders, actively participating in the Religious Life Council and its activities. Attend scheduled Bishop's Scholars events.

### **AMOUNT OF THE AWARD**

The Bishop's Scholar Award provides the full cost of tuition for four years. Fees, books, room and board, and other expenses are **NOT** included.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Student must be a high school senior who is entering OCU as a first year student
- Meet the admissions standards of the University
- Have a 3.0 GPA or better
- Hold membership in a United Methodist Church
- Be recommended by the senior pastor of the student's church
- Be a full-time student at OCU who intends to pursue a career in Christian service in the United Methodist Church
- Major in one of the degree programs of the Wimberly School of Religion
- Live all four years in Oklahoma City University housing facilities

### **PROCEDURES**

Interested students must secure an application for admission to Oklahoma City University from the Office

for Undergraduate Admissions. After the application has been completed, it must be returned with the application fee to:

**Undergraduate Admissions  
Oklahoma City University  
2501 N. Blackwelder  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106-1498**

1. The student should talk to his/her minister about full time ministry in the United Methodist Church and about being a Bishop's Scholar. If the minister believes the student meets the qualifications, he/she may then mail an application/recommendation form for the Bishop's Scholar Award to OCU. Forms are enclosed and also are available from the OCU Church Relations Office

**Applications/recommendations for the Award must be made by the senior pastor of the student's church and mailed before December 15, 2011 to:**

**V. P., University-Church Relations  
Oklahoma City University  
2501 N. Blackwelder, AD Suite 402  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106-1493**

2. Following receipt of the pastor's recommendation form, the student will be asked to provide a personal written statement of qualifications, accomplishments, talents, and desire for full time service in the United Methodist Church **by January 15, 2012.**  
**The statement must be mailed to the vice president of University-Church Relations.**
3. Applicants must provide academic recommendations from a high school counselor or teacher and a personal recommendation from a layperson in their local church.  
**Recommendations must be received before January 15, 2012.**
4. Each applicant must meet with the Bishop's Scholar Award Selection Committee for a personal interview.

# THE BISHOP'S SCHOLAR AWARD COMMITTEE

Rev. Margaret A. Ball, Chair  
Oklahoma City University  
2501 N. Blackwelder  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106-1498  
(405) 208-5060

## APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior who will be entering Oklahoma City University as a first-year student in the academic year of **2012-2013**
2. Must meet the admissions standards and be accepted by OCU
3. Have a 3.0 GPA or better
4. Hold membership in a United Methodist church
5. Be recommended by the senior pastor of the student's church by **December 15, 2011**
6. Must intend to pursue a full-time career in Christian service in the United Methodist Church
7. Major in one of the degree programs of the Wimberly School of Religion and Graduate Theological Studies; and
8. Live all four years in Oklahoma City University housing facilities

## **STUDENT REQUIREMENT PROCEDURE**

1. Applicant must be admitted to OCU through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and application fee paid
2. Applicant must submit a personal statement of qualifications, accomplishments, and talents to the vice president of University-Church Relations, specifically expressing his/her sense of calling to a church vocation and desire to attend OCU
3. Applicant must have one letter of recommendation from either a high school counselor or a teacher who knows him/her well and can comment on his/her academic ability
4. Applicant must have one letter of recommendation from a layperson in his/her local church that has witnessed his/her leadership skills and commitment to Jesus Christ and to the United Methodist Church.
5. Submit a **small photo** (such as your senior picture) that would be suitable for publicity purposes.

**Applicant must provide the Bishop's Scholar Award Committee with all of the materials requested in Procedures 2-5 by **JANUARY 15, 2011.****

## **CONTINUATION OF THE BISHOP'S SCHOLAR AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

- Students chosen to be Bishop's Scholars may be continued on the scholarship during the four years of their study at Oklahoma City University. The scholarship covers full tuition for 12 to 16 hours of college work and does not cover any summer session.
- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or better and be a full-time student (12-16 hours).
- Bishop's Scholars will be expected to participate and give leadership in the Religious Life Program of the campus under the supervision of the director of Ministries for Students, occasionally assist the Church Relations Office with public relations activities **and attend weekly Chapel worship services.**
- Bishop's Scholar Awards are offered only to persons studying in one of the programs of the Wimberly School of Religion and Graduate Theological Studies. If student chooses to change majors and course of study, the University will work with the student to arrange other financial aid, although not necessarily at the same level.
- Student must continue his or her commitment to a vocation in the United Methodist Church.



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## BISHOP'S SCHOLAR AWARD Pastor's Application and Recommendation

I am recommending \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name* *Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate  
*City/State/Zip* *Telephone*

for the Bishop's Scholar Award at Oklahoma City University.

[Please attach a letter of recommendation for this student. Include church involvement and leadership roles as a youth, and the intentions for entering full-time Christian service in the United Methodist Church.]

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of this United Methodist  
*Student's Name*

Church \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name* *Address/City/State/Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Pastor's Signature* *Telephone* *Date*

Return this form **before December 15, 2011** to:  
Office of the Vice President for University-Church Relations  
2501 N. Blackwelder  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106-1493