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**Title/Subject:** Youth Leadership Development Scholarship Revised:

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**Operational Authority:** (Board, Administrative, Committee name)

## **Policy**

**Function/Purpose/Mission Statement:**

1. Youth wishing scholarship support to participate in a leadership development program shall complete a written application provided them by the Director of Religious Education (DRE).

2. Scholarship applications shall be reviewed and approved by the DRE and three Church Members designated by the Religious Education Council. Parents of youth asking for scholarships may not be involved in any part of the scholarship approval process.

3. To receiver scholarship support, applicants must show

a. that they follow the 7 UU principles and that they will represent the church in a positive way.

b. that they have been consistently active in the church youth group or other church programs.

c. that they have not participated in any questionable behavior or policy infractions at church or within the community.

d. that they either

i. are a member of First Unitarian Universalist Church, or

ii. have at least one parent or guardian who is a member of First Unitarian Universalist Church,

e. that they are willing to present or report back to the RE Council on their experiences as a result of receiving the scholarship.

## **Procedure**

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**REQUIREMENTS**

**FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**

**ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS, AND APPLICATION FORM** **REQUIREMENTS**

Our Mission: *“To create a compassionate, welcoming community that nurtures spiritual growth and practices justice.”*

**First Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester is excited to help you further your youth development.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

To help us better know you and your goals, we ask that you complete the following application.  The completed application is to be turned into the Director of Religious Education one month prior to the date needed.  To avoid conflicts of interest, parents of youth asking for scholarships may not be involved in any part of the scholarship approval process.

**Reviewers:**

**DRE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Board Member \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**RE Council Member \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**APPLICATION FORM REQUIREMENTS:**

Write a short (one page) essay on the back of this sheet as to why you should be considered to receive a scholarship from First Unitarian Universalist Church and answer the questions below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of family member or guardian who is a member of the church?

2. What development program are you hoping to attend?  Dates of development opportunities?

3. Have you attended development opportunities in the past?  If yes, which ones?  Please include the dates attended.

4. Monetary amount you are asking for.  What will the funds help you with, attendance fees, tuition, travel expenses, etc.?

5. Monetary amount you are able to pay.

6. The date the scholarship money is needed by.

7. Provide three (3) character references that we may contact. One from church, one from outside the church community and one other (i.e. a teacher or coach, or other group mentor). Provide name, phone number & e-mail address.

 1.

 2.

 3.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Scholarship applicants will need to show they follow the 7 principles & will represent the church in a positive way.

Applicants are consistently active in youth group/church.

Applicants have not participated in any questionable behavior or policy infractions at church or within the community.

Have parent(s) or guardian(s) that are members of First Unitarian Universalist Church.

Be willing to present or report back to the RE Council on what their experiences as a result of receiving the scholarship.

Answering such questions as… ‘Was it a good experience?’, ‘Would you recommend this opportunity to other youth, etc.?’