



Nolensville First United Methodist Church

*a neighborhood church
where people experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus
in a welcoming church family*

The Dot Arnold Scholarship

The Dot Arnold Scholarship (DAS) Fund at Nolensville First United Methodist Church was set up to honor Dot Arnold. For many years, Granny Dot, as she is called, served as a member of the choir, as organist, pianist, and choir director at our church. Granny Dot has been involved in the music ministry for more than fifty years. The DAS was originally established more than ten years ago. Since that time, the music ministry at Nolensville First UMC has been greatly expanded, and much of that expansion is based on the solid foundation of music ministry generated by Granny Dot. **Therefore, the purpose of this document is to reestablish and reaffirm the Dot Arnold Scholarship for today's Nolensville First UMC.**

The DAS is funded through direct donations and through the fundraising efforts of the music ministry program of Nolensville First UMC. We anticipate the ability to fund one or more initial scholarships, and several renewal scholarships, each year in the amount of \$500 each.

Selection of the recipient(s) of the DAS will be made by a committee of at least five active adult participants in the Nolensville First UMC music ministry as appointed by the Director of Music. Any parent of an applicant may not serve on the committee.

Students eligible for consideration for the DAS (initial):

High school seniors who will be attending an accredited college or university and have been active in the music program at Nolensville First UMC during their high school years. While active participation as a singer and/or instrumentalist is preferred, a student who has actively and continuously served in a support role within the music ministry program may also be considered eligible. Those eligible students must complete all portions of the application process and meet the application deadline to be considered by the DAS committee.

Students eligible for consideration for the DAS (renewal):

Renewal scholarships are available to previous recipients of the DAS who remain current students at an accredited college or university. Continued active participation in the music ministry of Nolensville First UMC at appropriate times during the school year and between school sessions is considered a requirement for renewal. Those eligible students must complete all portions of the application process and meet the application deadline to be considered by the DAS committee.

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Application Checklist
Initial Scholarship for High School Seniors

1. Answer all questions on the initial application succinctly. Use front side only for pages submitted.
2. Secure a letter of recommendation from one of your high school teachers using the form provided. The letter should be sealed in an envelope with the teacher's signature across the flap when it is submitted.
3. Request a member of Nolensville First UMC complete the required music ministry recommendation form. This form could be completed by someone who has worked with you in a music ministry activity or someone who wishes to comment on how your involvement in music ministry has been meaningful to him/her. (May not be your parent or grandparent.) The form should be sealed in an envelope with the signature of the person who completed the form across the flap when submitted.
4. Return the three items listed above in ONE envelope **BY MAY 15** to:
Nolensville First United Methodist Church
Dot Arnold Scholarship Committee
7316 Nolensville Rd.
Nolensville TN 37137

Applicants must, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, enroll as a full-time student as defined by their college or university.

Award checks are always sent directly to the college or university.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15

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Scholarship Application
Initial Application for High School Seniors

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

College or University You Plan to Attend: _____

Email Address: _____

Briefly describe your immediate and long-term life objectives (50 words or less).

Describe your involvement in music ministry at NFUMC during your high school years.

Describe the impact this involvement in music ministry at NFUMC has had on you personally.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Teacher Recommendation
Initial Application for High School Seniors

Applicant's Name: _____

This applicant has applied for the DOT ARNOLD SCHOLARSHIP awarded by the Music Ministry at Nolensville First United Methodist Church. The student's high school GPA is not considered as part of the selection criteria. However, we appreciate your professional opinion of the student's readiness for success in college. Your thoughtfulness and care in providing the information requested are sincerely appreciated.

Please place this form in an envelope, seal it, sign your name across the seal, and return it to the student. The student has a deadline of May 15 for submission of all materials, so your timely cooperation is appreciated.

Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rank.

_____ The student has demonstrated both the ability and effort in my class to find academic success in college.

_____ The student has shown a willingness to participate in an academic setting.

_____ The student has demonstrated positive life choices.

_____ The student inspires excellence in others.

Additional comments:

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

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**Music Ministry Recommendation
Initial Application for High School Seniors**

Applicant's Name: _____

This high school student has applied for the Dot Arnold Scholarship. As part of the application process, the student is required to request a recommendation from an adult member of Nolensville First UMC who is familiar with the student's involvement in the music ministry program as a singer, instrumentalist, or in a music ministry support role. Please complete this form in the space provided. Your thoughtfulness and care in providing the information requested are sincerely appreciated.

Please place this form in an envelope, seal it, sign your name across the seal, and return it to the student. The student has a deadline of May 15 for submission of all materials, so your timely cooperation is appreciated.

1. In what ways have you witnessed this student participate in the music ministry of Nolensville FIRST UMC throughout his/her high school years?

2. Please share how you feel this student's participation in the music ministry program has enriched the worship experience at NFUMC in general, or how his/her music ministry participation has impacted you personally.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Application Checklist
Renewal of Scholarship

1. Answer all questions on the initial application succinctly. Use front side only for pages submitted.
2. Submit a copy of your most recent college grade report showing adequate academic progress.
3. Return the two items listed above in ONE envelope **BY MAY 15** to:
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Scholarship Application
Renewal Application for Continuing Recipients

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

College or University You Attend: _____

Email Address: _____

Briefly describe your immediate and long-term life objectives (50 words or less).

Eligibility for renewal includes a requirement for continued participation in the music ministry of Nolensville First UMC, as appropriate, when you are not attending college/university classes.

1. Please detail your current involvement in the NFUMC music ministry during this school year.

2. Please detail the commitment you intend to make to the NFUMC music ministry this year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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