

ONEONTA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Updated May 2008)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Grade Level in School: _____

College Major: _____

College Attending: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Annual Tuition: _____ Estimated Other Annual Expenses (books, residence hall, etc.)

(please explain) _____

I have been involved in the following Oneonta Youth community activities: _____

* I became a Member of Oneonta Church by Confirmation on _____

* I became a Member of Oneonta Church by Baptism on _____

My ultimate job goal is _____

My hobbies and interests are _____

I feel I deserve this scholarship because _____

There is _____ is not _____ a financial need.

Please attach a separate sheet if you would like to add additional comments that address the selection criteria described on the back of this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION (Restated May 2008)

History: The Oneonta Congregational Church Scholarship Program is funded by the Chupac-Meserve Memorial Endowment Scholarship Fund (the “Chupac-Meserve Fund”) and the J. Edward Tufft and Ruby L. Tufft Educational Fund (the “Tufft Fund”). The Chupac-Meserve Fund was established in 1968 in memory of Judith Louise Meserve Chupac and her husband, Steve Chupac, who were killed in an airplane crash in Ohio on November 20, 1967. The Chupac-Meserve Fund was established with an initial gift of \$10,000 from Clement Meserve, Judith’s father, and by contributions from members of the Church. The Tufft Fund was established in 1975 through a \$3,500 bequest by Ruby Tufft, a member of the Church. The Chupac-Meserve Fund and the Tufft Fund were consolidated in 2005 by the Oneonta Finance Committee to facilitate administration. The Oneonta Congregational Church Scholarship Program is administered by the Oneonta Christian Education Committee, or its successor (the “Committee”).

Purpose: The purpose of the Chupac-Meserve Fund as it has been implemented by the Committee with the guidance of Corky Lemon, a member of the Church and Clement Meserve’s daughter, is to award a scholarship to persons who are considered to be outstanding members of the young people’s group at the Church. The purpose of the Tufft Fund as it has historically been interpreted by the Committee is to provide financial assistance for the education of worthy young people. The intent of the founders of the Chupac-Meserve Fund and Tufft Fund is to fund the scholarship awards from interest earnings of the funds and to preserve the principal. The amount of the awards depends on the number of applicants and the interest earnings available for awards. Scholarship awards recently have ranged from \$500 to \$1,500.

Selection Criteria: The following characteristics and information are taken into account by the Committee in selecting a recipient:

1. Membership in Oneonta Congregational Church
2. Activity in the young people’s group in the Church
3. Recommendations of the Oneonta Director of Youth Ministry and the lay ministers involved in the Youth Ministry
4. Personality, poise, capacity to adjust to changing situations and ability to make and keep friends
5. Leadership qualities
6. Interest in continuing Christian work and growth
7. Financial need

A person may only receive a scholarship from the Oneonta Scholarship Program once in his or her lifetime.

Application Process: Applications for the upcoming Fall school season are available in the Church Office and should be completed and returned to the Office in accordance with the procedures announced by the Committee from time to time. The Committee will review the applications and notify the applicants and the Church of its decisions. The Committee’s decision will be final.

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