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# Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship

Myers Memorial United Methodist Men  
Gastonia, North Carolina

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## 2019 Application

*Please return completed application by Sunday, May 19, 2019*

*The Scholarship Committee may choose not to accept late applications.*

*Applications may be returned to one of the following:*

- *United Methodist Men's Leadership*  
*Michael Rhodes, Arnold Brackett*
- *Youth Director:*  
*Tresca McSwain*
- *Church Office*

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## **The Scholarship**

The Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship is made available by the Myers Memorial United Methodist Men, Gastonia, North Carolina and fund administration is by a Scholarship Committee of the United Methodist Men. A Scholarship Committee will grant annual scholarships of varying amounts to rising college freshmen who meet certain criteria.

## **Michael McSween**

The man for whom the scholarship derives a name sets the tone for some of the qualities the Scholarship Committee seeks in a recipient. Michael McSween was a loving husband and father of two sons, an elementary school teacher by profession, and an active member in the life Myers Memorial United Methodist Church. He joined the church in November 1986 and served in various capacities. Michael was assistant Sunday School Superintendent, sang in the Chancel Choir, provided leadership with the children's choir, was active in the United Methodist Men, and received the Outstanding Service to Christian Education Award. He died of colon cancer on August 23, 1994.

Michael used God-given abilities with compassion and commitment to the service of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church. This is the key to understanding what the Scholarship Committee seeks in scholarship applicants.

## **Scholarship Contributions**

Contributions to the Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship are the source for providing annual scholarship grants. The United Methodist Men encourage contributions that honor individuals, gifts that offer a memorial to someone, special donations, and designated church offerings. These contributions invest in the life of a young person pursuing a higher education degree.

## **Application Process**

Applications for the scholarship are available from the United Methodist Men and the church office. All applications are due to the church office, youth director or UMM President, no later than Sunday, May 19, 2019. The Scholarship Committee may choose not to consider late applications.

The Scholarship Committee will consider all applications submitted for scholarships. An awarded scholarship is a one-time grant for one year. Applicants may need to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

An interested applicant must be an active high school member of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, and entering or working toward a degree at a college, a university, or a post high school educational institution.

## **Confidentiality**

The Scholarship Committee will protect the privacy of all proceedings, discussions, and applications.

## **Scholarship Award**

The Scholarship Committee will award the Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship on Graduation Sunday.

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# By-Laws

## Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship

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### Article 1: Purpose

The Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship of the United Methodist Men, Gastonia, North Carolina, is to commemorate the life of Michael McSween, a once active, compassionate, and dedicated member of the Myers Memorial United Methodist Church. Michael's concern for the education of young people provides the incentive to establish a scholarship for active high school youth who seek scholarship assistance to attend a school of higher education.

### Article 2: Scholarship Committee

The United Methodist Men will elect active members within the fellowship of the United Methodist Men to the Scholarship Committee. The Director of Christian Education will serve as a non-voting member of the committee. Committee members will serve rotating, two-year terms and one re-nomination to an additional two-year term is permissible. The Scholarship Committee will award the scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will protect the privacy of all proceedings, discussions and applications.

### Article 3: Applicant Qualification

An applicant is an active, high school member of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, who is a rising freshman entering a college, a university, or a post-high school educational institution.

### Article 4: Funds

Contributions to the Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship are the source for providing annual scholarship grants. The types of gifts include contributions that honor individuals, gifts that offer a memorial to someone, special donations, or designated church offerings.

The Scholarship Committee will annually determine the number of scholarships and the individual scholarship amounts.

### Article 5: Application Information

Applicants will furnish the Scholarship Committee a completed copy of the Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship Application. The application will request an inventory of school, community, and church activities, with additional questions. The Committee will consider with particular emphasis the applicant's active participation of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church.

### Article 6: Application Procedure

Applications for the scholarship are available from the United Methodist Men, and the church office. All applications are due to the church office no later than May 19, 2019. The scholarship Committee may choose not to consider late applications.

The Scholarship Committee will consider all applications submitted for new scholarships. An awarded scholarship is one-time grant for one year. Applicants may need to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

An interested applicant must be an active high school member of Myers Memorial United Methodist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, and entering or working toward a degree at a college, a university, or a post-high school educational institution.

The Scholarship Committee will award the Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship Graduation Sunday.

### Article 7: Amendments

An amendment to the Michael McSween Memorial Scholarship By-Laws of the United Methodist Men, Gastonia, North Carolina, is made by a two-thirds vote of the Scholarship Committee membership.

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301 S. New Hope Road  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET/ PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please provide the information requested below on a separate, typed page.***

1. List school activities, clubs, athletics, community activities, honors, and awards.
2. List your church activities at Myers Memorial United Methodist Church. Describe how these activities are meaningful.
3. What are your career plans or goals?
4. Why is this scholarship important to you?