



# St. John United Church of Christ

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Rev. Laurie Hill

September 16, 2021

Dear Seminaries of the UCC,

St. John UCC Lincoln, Illinois, is once again this year pleased to be able to offer the St. John Christian Service Scholarship to UCC ministerial students or missionary students.

Please forward the enclosed application and directions to ministerial and missionary students in your seminary. We would appreciate your help in getting the applications to students who might need monetary assistance as soon as possible.

Please note the applications are due back at St. John United Church of Christ, 204 Seventh Street, Lincoln, Illinois 62656 or emailed to [stjohnucclincoln@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnucclincoln@yahoo.com) by October 25th in order to allow time for examination before the Scholarship Board of Trustees meets to disperse funds.

We hope to hear from several candidates.

In the Peace and Love of Christ,

*Rev. Laurie Hill*

Rev. Laurie Hill, Pastor

*Lynn Spellman*

Lynn Spellman, Scholarship Board of Trustees Chair

## GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING THE ST. JOHN CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The St. John Christian Service Scholarship was established in 1984 through the generosity of Henry F. A. Bock, a devoted member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln. A Sunday School teacher for about forty years, he served for twenty-eight years as Sunday School Superintendent. He also served on the Church Council for sixteen years and was at one time its vice chairman. Henry Bock was a founding member of Central Illinois Association of United Churches of Christ and was state CROP chairman of Illinois Council of Churches. His two children grew up to serve the church, one as an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and the other as a missionary nurse in Ghana, Africa.

Henry F. A. Bock willed a sum to St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, Illinois, for missionary projects or “for scholarships in the field of Christian Religion under the direction of the United Church of Christ”. This sum has been augmented by gifts in his memory and by gifts from and in honor of other members of the Bock family.

1. As long as feasible, a member of the Bock family who is a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, Illinois, shall be a voting member of the committee that selects recipients and determines the size of the awards.
2. Applicants must be attending a school associated with the United Church of Christ.
3. The following priorities shall be considered when awarding grants:
  - A. Persons preparing for full-time ministry in the United Church of Christ.
  - B. Persons preparing for full-time missionary service.
  - C. Persons preparing for full-time work in Christian education.
  - D. Persons preparing for other full-time Christian service.
  - E. Persons who have attained junior in college standing or above.
4. Not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000 shall be given in one year to any recipient who is a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, Illinois. Not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 shall be given in one year to any other recipient.
  - A. Financial need shall be considered in determining the amount of the grant.
  - B. More than one grant may be given in one year.
5. The grant is for a year's study; a recipient who changes programs during the year for which a grant has been received shall notify the Board of Trustees, who may ask for partial repayment.
6. These guidelines may be amended if approved by the Board of Trustees and by the member of the Bock family serving on the committee to select recipients.

In conclusion, let it be known that if in years to come there is no member of the Bock family still a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, Illinois, the Board of Trustees will, to the best of its ability, apply these guidelines in the memory of the Bock family.

## **APPLICATION FOR ST. JOHN CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION**

In order to be considered for the St. John Christian Service Scholarship, which awards a maximum of \$1,000 per recipient per year, please submit the following:

1. The application form.
2. A seminary transcript through the end of the spring semester. If this is your first year in seminary, a transcript from your most recent year as a student.
3. Two written references from people who know you well, in addition to a reference from your pastor. These references should be received in the church office by OCTOBER 25, 2021.
4. If this is your first year, documentation of acceptance at the United Church of Christ affiliated seminary you are attending.

The above materials are due by OCTOBER 25, 2021. Please return to the address below:

Mail:

Scholarship Board of Trustees  
St. John United Church of Christ  
204 Seventh Street  
Lincoln, IL 62656

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**2021 APPLICATION FOR ST. JOHN CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP  
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
LINCOLN, ILLINOIS**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate paper please answer the following:

1. List names and addresses of schools attended (beginning with college), dates of attendance, and degrees earned.
2. List school, church, and community activities you have been involved in and awards received.
3. Name the United Church of Christ affiliated seminary you are attending.
4. State the advanced degree you are pursuing and your career goals.
5. Describe your faith pilgrimage.
6. List the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of your two references and your pastor.
7. Give the name, address, phone number and email address of the local church where you hold membership.
8. Describe your financial situation and your financial need.