

Simpson United Methodist Church

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Dear 2017 Simpson Student,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! The Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee would like to encourage you to apply for the scholarships available through the church for graduating high school, college, and continuing college students. This year we will make available The Simpson United Methodist Church All Church Scholarship and The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship.

These scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school students, continuing college students, and/or college graduates who are planning to further their education by entering into one of the following: a business, trade, technical, or vocational school; an undergraduate college or university program; or a graduate program. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate that they have been accepted into their selected program at an accredited educational institution. If you receive an award and are unable to pursue your education immediately after graduation, you are expected to return the scholarship funds and Simpson United Methodist Church will hold your scholarship funds in your name for up to five years.

Active participation in and support of Simpson United Methodist Church and Christian values is mandatory for scholarship consideration along with other factors such as involvement in the Japanese American community, grade point average, community service, and school activities. Eligibility for The Simpson United Methodist Church All Church Scholarship requires that the recipient be a member of the church and demonstrate active participation in groups and/or functions such as UMYF, Sunday School, and worship. Eligibility for The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship requires an affiliation and involvement with Simpson United Methodist Church. Both scholarships require 10 hours of volunteerism at Simpson Church.

All participants are required to do community service at Simpson – 10 hours to be completed before graduation (for graduating seniors) and for continuing education 5 hours to be completed during the year after being awarded the scholarship. (Service is not arduous – you can sing in the choir for instance.)

A scholarship application form is enclosed for your convenience and may be downloaded from the church website located at www.simpsonumc.com. The deadline for application is **April 5, 2017** and will not be extended. **All applications must be postmarked by this date for consideration. Also, please email your application to sumcscholarship@gmail.com.** If you choose to apply, a personal interview with the scholarship committee may be required, with interviews taking place in late April or early May. Applicants will be notified by email, phone, or mail to arrange for this interview. Scholarship recipients are also expected to be present in worship on **Sunday, June 11**, at 10:00 a.m., for recognition and will be asked to speak briefly about their educational plans and how the received scholarship will help them achieve their educational goals.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to email us at sumcscholarship@gmail.com or call Bobbi Wong at 303-741-2660 or Julie Cleary at 303-477-8509.

Sincerely,

Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee