

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH of SAINT LOUIS

Women's Alliance Scholarship

April, 2025

The Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis is pleased to send you this packet of application materials for its annual Women's Alliance Scholarship. For the 2025-2026 academic year, a stipend of \$5,000 will be awarded, half each semester upon evidence of matriculation at an accredited college, university, or technical school.

This scholarship was initiated by a generous bequest from the estate of Edna Landzettel, a member of the Alliance for many years, a St. Louis public school teacher, and a tireless proponent of the importance of education in a woman's life.

The recipient of this award in 2025-2026 shall be:

- a person who identifies as a woman (21 years or older) who is continuing her education or returning to school
- a member or an active friend of an Unitarian Universalist church or fellowship in the greater St. Louis area
- a registered student, carrying at least 6 hours of academic credit each term who is aiming for a degree or full certification at an accredited college, university or technical school

An applicant is asked to notify the committee immediately if there is a change in her field of study, so that re-evaluation of the application can be made based on her new chosen direction.

Please note that all application responses, references, and supporting materials must be postmarked by or completed online by **July 31, 2025**. We may request an interview after that date. All materials should be addressed to:

The Women's Alliance Scholarship Committee
First Unitarian Church
5007 Waterman Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108

Applicant will provide the following:

Completed Application form (p3-6) including essay
Transcript (photocopy acceptable)
Reference Form

All applicants will be notified about the committee's decision by August 10, 2025. A public announcement will be made by August 30, 2025.

For your convenience, the next page lists the contents of this packet.

If you have any questions about this application form, please contact the committee at:
lhunt@firstuustlouis.org

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The Scholarship Committee

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Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Birth date: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Cell Phone: _____

Of which church/fellowship are you a member or friend, and how long have you been a member or friend?

When and where did you first attend UU services?

Other than attending Sunday services, how have you participated in the life of your UU community?

When do you plan to start or continue your schooling (fall or spring term, 2024-2025)?

To what institutions have you applied or are you now attending?

Name and address of a person to whom you are giving a reference form (list):

Please note: Proof of registration for at least 6 hours of credit each semester will be required before scholarship monies are released.

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Academic Information

Name _____ Date _____

1) Schools attended (high school and/or technical school): City/State/Dates

2) College(s)/Universities attended: City/State/Dates

3) Major Field of Study Attained or Pursuing

4) Please send the latest transcript (photocopies acceptable) of your major school work.

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Essay on Educational Goals & Statement of Need

Please write a brief essay (several paragraphs, up to two pages) on the following questions:

What goals in your life will additional education help you achieve? What is your educational plan?

How will this scholarship help to finance your educational plan?

Source of current funds. Check all that apply:

- government loans
- gifts from family or friends
- private loans
- other (explain)
- employment income

How do you expect to use scholarship funds?

- for tuition
- for living expenses
- for books & supplies
- other (explain)

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If I am selected as the recipient of the Women's Alliance Scholarship for 2025-2026, I agree to abide by the following stipulations as set forth by the Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis:

The award will be given in two installments upon evidence of matriculation at an accredited college, university or technical school. One-half of the funds will be granted at the beginning of the first semester and the second half at the beginning of the second semester. If the recipient fails to complete the first semester or chooses not to continue for the second semester, the monies will be forfeited by the recipient and there will be no carry-over of funds for the future. The recipient, however, may reapply for a Women's Alliance Scholarship at a later date.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date of Birth _____

Date _____

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Reference from Church Leader, Community Leader or Educator

Please contact Lynn Hunt (lhunt@firstuustlouis.org) for access to this form online.

The sender of this reference form is applying for the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Women's Alliance Scholarship. This award is intended not only to assist the student financially in her college/university training, but also to honor the recipient for past achievements and academic excellence.

You may assist the selection process by furnishing information concerning the achievements of the candidate in your church and/or whatever other achievements you know of.

1. How long have you known the applicant, and what was the nature of the relationship?
2. Do you believe the applicant possesses the necessary qualities and skills to successfully complete her college/university training? Explain. (We are interested in self-motivation.)
3. Briefly describe the character and personality of the applicant, using anecdotal accounts.

Feel free to furnish additional information on the applicant or her family.

Please sign and date your reply and return it directly to the:
Women's Alliance Scholarship Committee
First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

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