

# GEORGIA W. BANGE SCHOLARSHIP

## GUIDELINES

1. The Georgia W. Bange Scholarship Committee of the Leesburg United Methodist Women (LUMW) will award at least one scholarship each year. The Scholarship value will be determined annually based on available funds.
2. In order to qualify for consideration, applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Be a member of Leesburg United Methodist Church and a graduating senior.
  - b. Plan to attend a national or state-accredited college or university, junior college, or vocational school during the year following graduation.
  - c. Apply for the Georgia Bange Scholarship sponsored by the LUMW. The application process shall consist of completing and returning the enclosed application with the required information to the GWB Scholarship Committee by the last Sunday in April of the current year, and participating in an interview with the selection committee.
3. Applicant must have a 2.0 G.P.A. or better, and will be selected based on the following criteria:
  - a. The primary considerations will be given to the student's church involvement, financial circumstances, overall academic record and school/community involvement.
  - b. Special consideration also will be given to examples of the student's character, integrity, responsibility, leadership and personal motivation.
4. To be considered for the scholarship, a student must present the following information to the Georgia W. Bange Scholarship Committee, c/o Leesburg United Methodist Women, 107 W. Market Street, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176, by the last Sunday in April

of the current year.

- a. A completed application form.
  - b. An official high school transcript.
  - c. Three written recommendations including name, relationship to applicant, telephone number(s) and email address, if available: one from an LUMC staff member or leader, one from a high school teacher, and the other from an employer or adult leader from a school or community service group in which applicant has been involved and who is unrelated to the applicant.
  - d. An original essay of fewer than 500 words that addresses the topic: "How I will carry my faith forward as I graduate from high school."
5. Recipients of any full scholarship, including National Merit Scholarships, ROTC scholarships, and appointments to any service academy, are not eligible for the scholarship.
6. Selection of a scholarship recipient will be made by the GWB Scholarship Committee. The committee will be comprised of at least 4 but no more than 7 active members of the current LUMW unit, representing a variety of circles and the LUMW Executive Committee. The committee chair will be chosen by the committee. No individual who has a relative applying for the scholarship will serve on the GWB Scholarship Committee.
7. The Committee will select a recipient(s) and an alternate(s) to whom the scholarship(s) will be awarded if the primary recipient(s) becomes ineligible.

8. The scholarship recipient will be announced during worship service on Graduation Sunday in June of the current year. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient upon presentation of proof of registration at the recipient's selected institution of higher learning. The Georgia W. Bange Scholarship is reserved to defray the expense of tuition, room and board, books and/or academic fees.
9. The Georgia W. Bange Scholarship Committee reserves the right not to award the scholarship if it does not receive suitable application(s) within a given year.
10. The Georgia W. Bange Scholarship Committee reserves the right to revise these guidelines on an annual basis as may be deemed necessary.

For any questions or for more information regarding the scholarship, please email the committee at: [gwb-scholarship@leesburgumc.org](mailto:gwb-scholarship@leesburgumc.org).

*Georgia W. Bange Scholarship Committee*