



# **The Tom Caufield Memorial Scholarship Vilonia United Methodist Church 2023 Scholarship Application**

## **Background and Purpose:**

In 2019, Dorrit Caufield set up a generous scholarship endowment in memory of her son, Tom Caufield. The Tom Caufield Memorial Scholarship Endowment is intended to support students in their higher education endeavors beyond the high school level. This vision and foresight by Ms. Caufield will help students at Vilonia United Methodist Church and Methodists in Faulkner County for years to come.

The applicants must demonstrate their character, academic achievement, church loyalty and involvement, as well as their financial need. The scholarships shall be awarded annually as funds are made available. The amounts may vary as the numbers of applicants and the income varies. For students who receive this scholarship, the scholarship funds awarded will be sent directly to the recipient's college or university. This scholarship is awarded once a year, for the Fall semester.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. All applicants must plan to graduate from high school in the Spring of 2023, have been a high school graduate with a diploma, or have a Graduate Equivalent Degree (GED) with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate education must also have a GPA of 2.5. A copy of the student transcript for the 2022-2023 school year should be furnished to the Scholarship Selection Committee with this application.
2. Applicants must be a Vilonia United Methodist Church (UMC) member or a Faulkner County, Arkansas resident attending a United Methodist Church. Preference will be given to Vilonia UMC members.
3. All applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited college or university as an undergraduate for the 2022-2023 academic year or are already enrolled in an accredited college or university or who have graduated from an accredited college or university and are seeking a graduate degree.

## **Scholarship Guidelines:**

1. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is June 1, 2023. The selection committee will meet following the June 1 deadline, and those receiving scholarships will be notified no later than July 1, 2023.
2. Initial application for this scholarship should be made on the form provided on page 2. Any additional information which the applicant believes may be helpful should also be included.
3. Two letters of recommendation must be provided. One letter should be from an academic reference and the second letter should be from someone in the community (work, church, volunteer, etc.). No references should be provided by a relative.
4. A recent transcript must be provided by June 1 to be considered for this scholarship. If the transcript you submit is not complete for Spring 2023, the most recent transcript will be accepted when you apply. However, before funds are released, should you receive the scholarship, we will require a copy of the transcript that demonstrates a GPA of 2.5 for the Spring of 2023 or your most recent year of schooling.
5. Applicants understand that the names of scholarship recipients may be publicized in church publications including newsletters, bulletins, the website, etc.
6. Any questions, please contact Pastor Lauren DeLano at 501-796-2624 or [lauren.delano@arumc.org](mailto:lauren.delano@arumc.org).

**Caufield Memorial Scholarship Application Form 2023**  
**Vilonia United Methodist Church**  
**PO Box 460, 1112 Main Street, Vilonia, AR 72173**  
**501-796-2624, umcvilonia@gmail.com**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High school graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Higher education school/program you plan to attend or are currently enrolled in:  
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Will you be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student? \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. List other scholarships, loans, grants or financial aid you have been or expect to be awarded including amounts.
2. How would receiving this scholarship benefit you financially? How will it help you to pursue higher education?
3. What role has Vilonia UMC played in your faith development? How have you been involved and active at Vilonia UMC?

OR

If you're currently attending another United Methodist Church or active in a campus ministry, how has that church or campus ministry played a role in your faith development? How have you been involved and active at the campus ministry or United Methodist Church you currently attend?

**APPLICATION IS COMPLETE ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. A transcript for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Two letters of recommendation (See page 1 for details).
3. A document providing answers to the above questions.
4. A signed copy of this application.

Applications for 2022-2023 school year should be submitted to the Vilonia UMC office or via email to Rev. Lauren DeLano no later than **June 1, 2023**. If emailed, please email to [lauren.delano@arumc.org](mailto:lauren.delano@arumc.org) and you will receive an email confirmation.

"I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true, accurate and correct. I have read the Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements and for the Vilonia United Methodist Church Scholarship (provided with this application) and believe that at this time I am a qualified applicant under them. I authorize release of scholarship information."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_