

## **MOUNT ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Frank and Mary Cress Scholarship**

Frank and Mary Cress were farmers and workers in the mills of China Grove and life-long members of the Mount Zion United Church of Christ, China Grove. They were strong believers in the Christian faith, gave themselves in leadership in their church, and taught the faith to their church and their children. They greatly supported the youth ministries of the church and the community. They believed in education and sacrificed much in their lifetime to see that every child in their home had the opportunity for higher education.

This scholarship has been established by their children in thankfulness for the love and sacrifice made by their parents, to perpetuate their memory, and to make it possible for young people to secure more education. Dr. Charles Cress and his wife, Joan, in loving memory of his parents gave the initial funds for this scholarship in 1981.

The Purpose of the Cress Scholarship is to keep alive the memory of Frank and Mary Cress and their dedication to Christian higher education, and to assist students, who are of excellent moral character, have academic skills and who show financial need.

### **Talbert and Dorothy Howell Scholarship**

Dorothy Howell is a lifetime member of Mount Zion United Church of Christ. Her husband, Talbert, was also a faithful and active member until his death in 2004. Talbert worked with Duke Power Company, and Dorothy worked as a private secretary.

The Howell's have always been interested in the moral and intellectual development of youth. They have also been thankful to God for all His many blessings.

In their own words: "We have received so many blessings from God – He has been so good. This scholarship is given in appreciation for all His many blessings. Education is more important today than ever and that is why we want to help some worthy children. It is our desire that this scholarship will go to children with high Christian morals, excellent skills, the desire for higher education, and the need for financial assistance."

### **George and Ada Fleming Scholarship**

George and Ada also, were farmers and life-long members of the Mount Zion United Church of Christ, China Grove. They were strong believers in the Christian faith, gave themselves in leadership in their church, as well as teaching the faith as church school teachers at Mount Zion.

It is through their wishes that this Scholarship be established by them in thankfulness for their love, faith and support of Mount Zion United Church of Christ in 2011 in their memory.

### **Wanda Freeze Corriher Scholarship**

Wanda Corriher was a lifelong member of Mount Zion United Church of Christ in China Grove. Her passion for teaching was evident in everything she accomplished throughout her life. For forty years she was a math teacher in the public school system and a Sunday school teacher at Mt. Zion. Her love of her students and children made her a mentor and leader to them all. She was always so proud and would tell stories of the accomplishments, both big and small of her students. She set the bar for teachers very high and made lasting impressions on her fellow teachers, students, family, and church family.

Wanda gave herself so faithfully to the advancement of young people. It is in her honor that her family would like to memorialize her lifelong dedication to education by giving an annual scholarship to a deserving recipient.

### **Harry P. & Jane Corriher Scholarship**

Harry was a lifelong member of Mt Zion UCC and Jane was a member since their marriage in 1965. Harry was an educator in the local school system, serving many years as a principal. He was a part time farmer, farming family land for years and an agricultural leader in the community. Jane was a nurse who loved caring for all ages of people. Knowing the importance of education, both sought advanced degrees in their fields.

Their children, Chris, Ellen, and Emily, established this scholarship in their memory in 2022. This was to honor their commitment to Mt Zion and their belief in the importance of having the opportunity to further one's education.

#### **The Scholarships will be:**

- announced at the Award's Night of South Rowan High School, Carson High School or school of recipient and at Mount Zion United Church of Christ.
- paid to the institution in which the student is enrolled to be applied to tuition, room and board during the first year.
- repaid in the event a student drops out of the institution during the year for which the scholarship was given. The terms for repayment will be agreed upon with the Scholarships Committee.
- for one year only, at the present time!

#### **To Apply for the Scholarships one must . . . . .**

- be a graduating senior at South Rowan High School, Carson High School and/or a member and/or the child or grandchild of a member of Mount Zion United Church of Christ.
- be of good moral character,
- be a member of a Christian church,
- have a good academic record,
- show financial need,
- be entering an institution of higher learning such as: Technical School, Community College, College, or University,
- submit a transcript of high school grades,
- fill out the necessary application,
- give three personal references, (submitted with application)
- be interviewed by the Scholarships Committee.

**Completed application due to Mrs. Trexler by 3:00 pm on April 12.**



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13. What course of study do you plan to take in College? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

(If undecided, list those which you are considering). \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Must have School Transcript with Class rank and grades.

15. Letters of Recommendation (submitted with application)

**Name                      Street or Route                      City & State                      Zip Code**

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(High School Teacher)

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(Minister)

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(Other)

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(Other)

16. Personal Statement - In approximately 100 words give your ambitions and reasons for wishing to continue your education (list on separate sheet and attach to application).

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**Student Financial Information:**

Savings for college                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Tuition/Room/Board/Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance from family                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Books, Supplies                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance from others                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Other (Specify)                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Other Scholarships                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Resources for Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Total Expenses:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Optional):** Special needs, Financial hardships, etc.

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Date application mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date application received by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_