

Suzette D. May Scholarship Fund

2025 Scholarship Application Packet

About the Suzette D. May Scholarship Fund

The Suzette D. May Scholarship Fund honors the remarkable life and legacy of Suzette May, a devoted educator and faithful member of Anderson United Methodist Church. This scholarship embodies Suzette's deep commitment to education, faith, and community by supporting students determined to make a meaningful impact through their academic and spiritual journeys.

Established by the May family and friends, the fund provides financial support to active members or participants of AUMC who have demonstrated steadfast dedication to their church and educational aspirations. The scholarship prioritizes students majoring in Education or enrolled in certificate or career programs in Education. This scholarship is not just a financial award; it is a celebration of faith, leadership, and the pursuit of knowledge, empowering recipients to positively influence their church, school, and communities.

Scholarship Criteria

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a member or active participant of Anderson United Methodist Church for at least two years.
- Must be a 2025 high school graduate.
- Must have participated in the AUMC Higher Education Ministry College Prep Program.
- Must pursue full-time undergraduate enrollment at an accredited college or university, majoring in Education, or be enrolled in a certificate or career program in Education.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must demonstrate how education will help live out Christian faith and contribute to church or school communities.

Priority Considerations:

- Personal connection or shared experiences with Suzette May.
- Active involvement in church ministries, leadership roles, or school activities reflecting Suzette May's values.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application form.
- 500–750 word essay addressing:
 - How will your future education help you live out your faith and contribute to your school or church community?
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or academic advisor that specifically address the applicant's academic abilities, commitment to education, and potential for success in their chosen field.
- Proof of college acceptance and enrollment.
- GPA verification through official transcript or school counselor documentation.

Award Amount: The scholarship value will vary annually, based on the endowed funds' performance and the number of qualified applicants.

Selection Process: Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee in collaboration with the May Family and friends. Selections will be based on the applicant's essay, recommendations, academic achievements, and alignment with Suzette May's values.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Are you a member or active participant of Anderson United Methodist Church?

Yes No

Years of membership/participation: _____

Have you participated in the AUMC Higher Education Ministry College Prep Program?

Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School Name: _____

Graduation Date: _____

GPA (minimum 2.75 required): _____

Intended College/University or Program: _____

Accepted? Yes No

Intended Major or Certificate Program: _____

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Attach a 500–750 word, double-spaced essay addressing the following: *How will your future education help you live out your faith and contribute to your school or church community?*

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or academic advisor that specifically address your academic abilities, commitment to education, and potential for success.

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that any false information may disqualify me from receiving the scholarship. Additionally, I affirm that I have participated in the Anderson United Methodist Church Higher Education Ministry College Prep Program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

*Return this form and all required attachments by Friday, May 23, 2025 to
Anderson United Methodist Church
6205 Hanging Moss Road
Jackson, MS 39206*