

United Parish Judith Eckian Scholarship Fund

BACKGROUND

The United Parish Judith Eckian Scholarship Fund is established in the memory of Judith C. Eckian, a member of Harvard Church, who died on March 1, 1969. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Eckian, members of Harvard Church. This fund was originally created in 1969 by donations contributed by friends, relatives, schoolmates and the Eckian family. Additional donations have been made by the Harvard Church Woman's Association and the estate of Margaret Blethen, a member of Harvard Church.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial aid to qualified and worthy students in attending college for the attainment of an academic degree.

ELIGIBILITY

Recipients of scholarship awards shall be selected from among high school seniors who are members or active participants of United Parish, or who are the son or daughter of a member or active participant of United Parish.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The recipient will be selected based on a combination of the following:

Financial Need:	40% Weighting
Academic Achievement:	30% Weighting
Church Involvement:	30% Weighting

Consensus by a unanimous vote of members of the Awards Committee is required to change the selection criteria above. Any changes shall be in effect for that year only. If no high school seniors meet the selection criteria in a given year, a scholarship may be awarded to a college student. The decision to broaden the pool of candidates to include college students shall be made by the United Parish Church Council prior to the initial distribution of applications.

AWARD DISBURSEMENT

There shall be at least one annual award (unless voted unanimously by the Awards Committee not to make an award that year), typically in the amount of \$1,000 for one person. The total number of awards made each year and the amount of each award will be decided by the Awards Committee. The total amount awarded in a given year shall not exceed \$3000.

Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the college or other institution of higher education where the recipient matriculates, with such payment to be credited to the tuition or other college charges.