



Tharp Educational

Scholarship Trust

### Tharp Educational Scholarship Trust Application

Packet must be submitted to Grace United Methodist Church no later than 4:00 PM on March 31, 2021.

Applications not in compliance with the deadline and ALL information required not attached at the time of submission will not be considered. **You must have been a legal resident of Otero County for the 48 months immediately preceding the date of this application.**

#### Applicant Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

*City State ZIP Code*

Permanent Home Phone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a legal resident of Otero County? YES  NO  Date moved to Otero County \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth Mo \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO  If no, how long have you lived in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now, or have you ever been, married? YES  NO  If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you divorced? YES  NO  If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have children? YES  NO  If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? YES  NO  If yes, what year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain

#### Education

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

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

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

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

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  GPA \_\_\_\_\_

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

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of college you plan to attend or presently attend: \_\_\_\_\_ College Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

What degree will you be studying as a **full-time** student during the next school year?

What is your major?

Date you will enter, and anticipated graduation?

Enter (Mo/Yr)

Graduate (Mo/Yr)

- **Include with this application a copy of all transcripts, beginning with high school.**

### References

Four references are required. A minimum of two character references outside your family, one of whom must be a church leader familiar with your church activities, and two academic references, are required. Letters from family members are encouraged.. **Letters of recommendation must have been written within the last year.**

**(Attach reference letters listed below.)**

**(1) Character Ref.** Full Name

His/her position

School, Church or Company:

Phone ( )

Address:

**(2) Character Ref.** Full Name:

His/her position

School, Church or Company

Phone ( )

Address

**(3) Academic Ref.** Full Name

His/her position:

School, Church or Company

Phone ( )

Address

**(4) Academic Ref.** Full Name

His/her position

School, Church or Company

Phone ( )

Address

**(5) Family Character Ref.** Full Name

Relationship

Phone ( )

Address

### Your Most Recent Employment History

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information or attach complete FAFSA**

Did you file a tax return for the most recent tax year? YES  NO  If yes, what type of form did you file (1040EZ or 1040A)?

What was your **adjusted gross income** for the most recent tax year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (from IRS Form 1040A - line 21; 1040EZ – line 4; 1040 – line 34; or Telefile – line 1 )

Will you be receiving any other financial assistance during the next school year? YES  NO  If yes, for how much and from where? (list all, including spousal support and use a continuation sheet if necessary)

Do you have dependents? If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO  Do you pay or receive child support? YES  NO  If yes, what amount? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ month \$ \_\_\_\_\_ year

Do you live in a two-parent home? YES  NO

What was your parent(s) **adjusted gross** income for the most recent tax year? (from IRS Form 1040A - line 21; 1040EZ – line 4; 1040 – line 34; or Telefile – line 1 )

Did your parent(s) claim you as a dependent for the most recent tax year? YES  NO

How many siblings reside in the home and what are their ages? Brothers/ages \_\_\_\_\_ Sisters/ages \_\_\_\_\_

Are any siblings presently enrolled in college(s)? YES  NO  If yes, how many siblings are enrolled?

- Please attach to this application a list of your anticipated expenses for the school year, including your housing plan, and all known sources of income, including summer jobs and savings, in order to help establish your need for assistance from the Tharp Educational Scholarship Trust.
- If you are active in church related activities, provide a letter of recommendation from your pastor or youth director listing them and, which may be incorporated in your reference letter, confirming your participation. **Letters of recommendation must have been written within the last year.**
- If you participated in extracurricular activities at school or in the community, or have received any awards or special recognition, please describe them on an attached sheet.
- Please attach to this application an essay (limit 700 words) titled “What is important to you in your life and why?”
- Please attach to this application a copy of your complete FAFSA.

**Disclaimer and Signature**

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

**If you are selected for a Tharp Academic Scholarship, the proceeds from the fund will be sent to your college in your name for disbursement for your educational expenses.**

**Personal and financial information provided by an applicant on this form will be held in confidence by the Tharp Educational Scholarship selection committee and the Endowment Foundation of Grace United Methodist Church of Alamogordo, New Mexico. It will be used for the sole purpose of processing and executing the application for a scholarship by these committees and will not be released to any outside agency. This form will be kept on file until the processes associated with the scholarship are completed for the applicant up to five years thereafter or as permitted by law.**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

- **REMINDER:** Applications NOT in compliance with the deadline on page one will not be considered.
- **ALL** information required **MUST** be attached at the time of submission, or the application will not be considered.
- **NOTE:** If you are a previous recipient, you do NOT need to include previous High school transcripts:
- **NOTE:** If you are applying for other scholarships through Grace UMC and want us to copy transcripts and forward them to other scholarship directors, please list those scholarships below:

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Completed scholarship application packet must be submitted to Grace United Methodist Church, 1206 Greenwood Lane, Alamogordo, NM 88310, **no later than 4:00 PM on March 31, 2021.** Applications not in compliance with the deadline and ALL information required attached at the time of submission will not be considered.

**Questions or additional information can be emailed to [gumc.endowment.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:gumc.endowment.foundation@gmail.com) with “Tharp Educational Scholarship” in the subject line.**

**NOTICE TO STUDENT:**

You may be able to reduce your federal income tax liability by claiming a Hope or Lifetime Learning Education Tax Credit or Higher Education Tuition and Fees Deduction. These tax benefits apply to the tuition and related expenses (1) paid by you or on your behalf. This information may be of use to you in calculating the amount of the tax credit or deduction you may be eligible to claim, but your personal financial records serve as the official supporting documentation for your federal income tax return. Note: To claim a Hope or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, IRS Form 8863 is required. (Additional detail is available at [www.1098-T.com](http://www.1098-T.com))

If you are claimed as a dependent on another person’s tax return, please give this notice to that person.

Please contact the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 or your personal tax advisor for further information relating to your eligibility for and/or calculation of these tax benefits.

- (1) **Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses:** The expenses must be required by and paid to the educational institution for enrollment purposes. They include tuition and certain fees; they do not include room and board, athletics (unless part of the student’s degree program), insurance, equipment, transportation, or other similar personal living expenses.
- (2) **Important information regarding “Scholarships and Grants”:** Some portion of your scholarship and grants may be subject to income tax. Please consult with the IRS or your tax advisor to determine the taxability of your scholarships and grants and how such amounts may affect the amount of your education tax credit or deduction. For additional information on these issues, please reference IRS Notice 97-60, IRS Publication 520-Scholarships and Fellowships, and IRS Publication 970-Tax Benefits for Higher Education. This information may be accessed at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).