

THE DON BRILL UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Don Brill served our Lord and our Annual Conference faithfully until his untimely death on July 25, 1997. He took seriously the Master's mandate for mission: "Go ye into all the world..." As an enabler and encourager, Don fostered an environment where mission could happen, through our Annual Conference and its local churches.

For nine years Don served our Conference as Secretary for Global Ministries and devoted his life to ministry and mission. In honor of Don, and in appreciation of his devotion, the Annual Conference has established the Don Brill Volunteers in Mission Scholarship Fund.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide help for those persons who have the desire and skills to be a supportive member of an UMVIM team. Whether the skill is medical, educational, construction, or Bible study, the Scholarship is intended to offer an opportunity for persons who may not have the monetary means to go on their own and be in service on a mission field.

GUIDING PROCEDURES

1. To best utilize the resources available while meeting the needs of the mission field, the interest and up to \$750 of the principal of the scholarship fund may be used during any twelve month period.
2. While at least two scholarships may be awarded each year, great care should be exercised in getting a particular person with a needed skill to a particular mission needing that skill.
3. The scholarship is to be awarded to a person only once in order to allow as many persons as possible to benefit from the fund, except in extreme circumstances when a particular skill is needed on a particular mission.
4. A statement of confirmation is to be received for each applicant from their pastor and the District Mission Representative.
5. The evaluation team making the final selection of the recipient of the scholarship is to consist of the Conference UMVIM Coordinator, the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, and the District Mission Representative from which each applicant comes.
6. While there will be special consideration given to certain circumstances, such as clergy persons fresh out of seminary, the needs of a particular work team and the financial needs of skilled workers is to be given great weight in a final determination.

7. The Don Brill UMVIM Scholarship Fund stands ready to receive contributions and grants in order to build the principal which in turn will help more persons be actively involved in national and international work teams.

Each church in our Annual Conference is asked to publicize the availability of this Scholarship Fund, both to receive contributions and help persons serve on work teams.

Some suggestions for raising money for the Scholarship Fund are:

- Coin jars beside the coffee pot each Sunday and/or on the tables during fellowship suppers
- Birthday pennies for missions
- Gifts in memory or honor of loved ones
- A Joash Chest for Thank Offerings (See II Kings 12:9--NIV)
- Children/Youth "Rock-A-Thon" or "Walk-A-Thon" for missions
- Arts and Craft sales, baked goods
- Bazaar

"Those of us who cannot go to the mission field can send our money there to talk for us."

--Roy L. Smith

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The applicant should complete a profile that includes the following information:

1. Contact Information
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone Numbers
 - d. Email
2. Personal background.
 - a. Local church name and address
 - b. Are you a member?
 - c. If yes, how long have you been a member?
 - d. Provide a short narrative of your faith journey.
3. Professional/skill background.
 - a. What do/can you do?
4. How much financial assistance are you requesting? Please provide specific information (cost of trip, etc.) to explain your stated need.
Note: We will not fund 100% of the trip's cost.
5. How will your local church support your being part of an UMVIM team?
6. Have you been on an UMVIM team before?
 - a. Within the past 15 years? Yes/No
 - b. If yes, where to and how funded?
7. Will you be willing to share your story with others when you return? Yes/No

APPLICATION:

To apply to the scholarship fund, send a profile that answers the questions on the left panel to:

Susan Hunt
4719 Woodmere Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36106
susan@awfumc.org
334-356-8014

Or find an application form on the conference website:
<http://www.awfumc.org/donbrillscholarship>

"The Gospel: It wasn't meant to be a Secret!"

"Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God."
--William Carey
Father of modern Mission

"Christ alone can save the world...
Christ cannot save the world alone."

"The Church's goal will not be reached until the
unreached have been reached."

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Alabama-West Florida Conference

The Purpose of the Don Brill Scholarship Fund is to recognize the invaluable work in service to Mission that Don did in our Annual Conference, and to enable laity and clergy to be involved in hands-on mission work through a mission team.

