

Sample Description and Guidelines for Church to Adopt

Description

Tax-deductible contributions are made to the Fund by donors and distributed to KPC members and their families for use for Christian elementary, secondary, and higher education expenses. Applications for assistance are submitted to a committee that approves and distributes assistance according to Session approved guidelines. The Fund is not simply a means for families to channel funds and get a tax-deduction, and the application/approval process assures that gifts are not simply earmarked. Rather, it is a means of connecting those in the KPC family who wish to support Christian education with those families who are in need. The goal is to remove the financial obstacles for those parents sincerely seeking Christian education for their children.

Guidelines

1. Checks are payable to Kempsville Presbyterian Church and directed to a line item in the budget titled "KPC Christian Education Scholarship Fund."
2. Session will approve a committee to include an active Elder. The committee will convene as frequently as is necessary and report at least semi-annually to the Session at its regularly stated meetings.
3. Applications for the upcoming school year will be available in February and due the next month.
4. The committee will receive and review applications for assistance. Awards recipients will be notified in May.
5. Annual assistance per student shall not exceed \$2,500. Annual assistance per family shall not exceed \$5,000.
6. Criteria for grants will be based on approval of the school, demonstration of need, active involvement of parents in their children's education, and membership at KPC.
7. The committee will create and maintain a list of approved institutions for which assistance is available. In general, these shall include private Christian schools, colleges and universities, and home schools.
8. Financial assistance will be made payable to the institution or, in the case of home schools, to the family after verification of use of funds for school materials.
9. The committee will see to it that effective communication about the program is being made with the congregation and the Session.

For further information about giving to the fund or applying for a scholarship contact _____.