The Mt. Hebron UMC Scholarship Committee Proudly Offers Educational Scholarships from the Estate of Marshall and L.H. Buff Jr.

(hereafter referred to as The Buff Graduate Scholarship)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND FORM

THE BUFF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The Buff Graduate Scholarship was created to provide a gift ***"for any member of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church of West Columbia, who may enter the educational field, preparing for education as a Minister, a missionary or a medical field, under such rules and regulations as its governing board shall determine."** The above shall only take effect after the recipient has completed a four-year college education. The scholarship may be for one year, two years or four years, in the sole discretion of the Mt. Hebron Scholarship Committee of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church of West Columbia. As noted in the guidelines, "For the purpose of awards, the following criteria will be used:

- Medical fields – Professions dedicated to the benefit of humanity
- Ministry – Preparation for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church at an accredited United Methodist seminary
- Missionary – Preparation for missionary work which is approved by The United Methodist Church."

As footnoted below, applicants must also comply with ** and *** for eligibility.

* Excerpt from page 1 and 2 of Last Will and Testament of Leonard Hobson Buff Sr. and L.H. Buff Scholarship Guidelines, attached and a part of the qualifying criteria.

** Professing members of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church for a minimum of one year immediately prior to May 1st of the year of the gift. The professing membership of Mt. Hebron UMC includes all baptized people who have come into membership by profession of faith through appropriate services of the baptismal covenant in the ritual or by transfer from other churches. Refer to UMC Book of Discipline for further clarification.

*** To be eligible to receive this gift, applicants must be enrolled or admitted for enrollment as a full-time student in a post-high school educational institution accredited by one of the nationally recognized accreditation agencies listed in Appendix A of the scholarship program official rules or licensed by the appropriate state licensing authority commensurate to the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

APPLICATIONS

All applications shall be submitted to the Church Office in person, via email, or by U.S. Postal Service beginning January 1 of each year and must be postmarked no later than March 31. Mail applications to:

The Buff Graduate Scholarship
c/o Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church
3050 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169

Email:
scholarship@mthebronumc.com
office@mthebronumc.com

Applications postmarked after March 31 will be denied. Scholarship applications must be in the form of the official application approved by the Scholarship Committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant. A returned application may be completed and resubmitted to the Scholarship Committee and will be considered if received prior to the application deadline.

Application deadlines, evaluation and payment of scholarship awards:

- The Scholarship Committee will receive applications by U.S. mail postmarked no later than March 31.
- Evaluation of the applications will be completed before the last Sunday in April.
- Applicants shall be notified of the awards prior to graduate recognition Sunday.
- Scholarship recipients shall be publicly announced on graduate recognition Sunday.
- Payment of the scholarship awards shall be made directly to the institution and will be contingent upon the Scholarship Committee receiving written (or otherwise verifiable) confirmation of acceptance by the institution and the applicant's enrollment at the institution.

The award will be paid in two installments:

- One half at the beginning of the first semester of attendance following the award
- One half at the beginning of the second semester, assuming the Scholarship Committee has received the first semester grade report as evidence of acceptable academic standing and the second semester student schedule as verification of continued enrollment.
- Scholarship awards per semester shall not exceed the actual cost of education expenses charged to the applicant for the semester by the institution through the institution's financial office. Any scholarship award amount not payable because of this limitation shall be refunded to the scholarship fund.

BUFF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Applicant Name:

_____

First Middle Last

_____ (_____) _____ - _____

Street Address/P.O. Box Phone Number

_____

City State Zip Code

Applicant Email Address: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Email Address: _____

Address and Phone Number (if different from applicant):

_____

Date when Applicant became a Professing Member of Mt. Hebron UMC: _____

(Applicant must be a professing member of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church for one (1) or more years).

Name of School Currently Attending (if applicable):

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Name of School You Are Planning to Attend:

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Address of School: _____

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School Anticipated Date of Attendance: _____ /_____ / _____

Submit two (2) letters: Attach in separate documents.

The first (1st) letter (written by the applicant) shall be about his/her involvement at Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church in West Columbia, S.C.

The second (2nd) letter shall be from a reference (for example a Sunday School teacher, youth counselor, youth director, mission leader, pastor, etc.) who has knowledge and experience with the applicant's involvement at Mt. Hebron UMC.

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Mt. Hebron UMC
3050 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169

OR

Email:
scholarship@mthebronumc.com
office@mthebronumc.com

Signature: _____ Date: _____ /_____ / _____

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Application revised November 14, 2026.