

## **VERN LIESINGER / BESSIE HIGBEE / ALBERT HEINITZ / RUBY PAGE**

### **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

The Vern Liesinger Memorial Scholarship Fund was conceived in the mind of a man terminally ill with cancer. Vern Liesinger, after becoming a Christian later in life, often wished he would have become a Christian when young so he could have entered pastoral ministry. Since this was impossible, he devised a plan for assisting young men and women who felt God's call into ministry.

A few months before his death, Vern altered his will to initiate this. He designated that a portion of his estate be invested in a revolving loan fund within the Oregon Conference of the Free Methodist Church, with the interest made available through grants to young people studying for the ministry. In this way, an extra benefit would be derived because the money invested in the fund would be available for the construction of churches and parsonages. In both ways, Vern gave great assistance to the ministry.

To further Vern's purpose, a Board of Trustees was established to administer this Memorial Fund. The following requirements have been adopted by this Board as guidelines for applicants to the Fund:

1. Recipients of grant money are to be actively pursuing a course of study leading to full-time ministry as a pastor or missionary. Funds will be granted only after enrollment in an educational institution in preparation for that purpose. Funds will be paid to that institution on educational expenses.
2. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in that institution. Exceptions may be considered upon request.
3. Recipients must maintain an average grade level or better to continue receiving funds. The Board of Trustees must be informed of grade level after each term.
4. Recipients must maintain satisfactory conduct becoming to a minister of the Gospel while receiving grants from this fund.

These requirements must be met if funds are to be continued after a grant is given. Exceptions may be considered by the Board of Trustees administering this fund.

The Liesinger Board of Trustees also administers the Bessie T. Higbee Memorial Fund, the Albert Heinitz Memorial Fund and the Ruby Page Memorial Fund. The Higbee (1973) and Page (2001) Funds were established to further the education of men and women studying for the pastoral ministry or mission field. The Heinitz Fund was established to assist pastors currently in the ministry who wish to continue their education, as well as students preparing for full-time Christian service. The three main criteria the Board of Trustees considers in awarding scholarships are: ministry potential, academic achievement and financial need.

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