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The Heartland Conference IPHC Scholarship Committee met together and recommends the following guidelines to the Heartland Conference Executive Council.

1. That the Heartland Conference IPHC Scholarship Program exists to assist students who are members and actively involved in a local Heartland Conference IPHC church for at least six months prior to applying and who desire to attend Southwestern Christian University in Bethany Oklahoma on a full-time basis **(i.e. at least twelve hours per semester.)**
2. Each student must be **actively attending and/or involved in a ministry position** in an IPHC church in the Oklahoma City metro area while enrolled at Southwestern Christian University, unless the student returns to their home church on weekends. **(NOTE: SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE APPLICANTS WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN A MINISTRY POSITION IN A HEARTLAND CONFERENCE IPHC CHURCH.)** **SPECIAL NOTE: If the student is involved in One Voice and ministers with the group on weekends, that would constitute active involvement in a ministry position in the Heartland Conference.**
3. Each year the applicant must complete and submit an application form along with a statement from their local IPHC pastor attesting to their membership and their active involvement in the local church, by no later than no later **July 1st of the school year they are enrolling**; and, by **no later than December 1st if they are enrolling mid-term**. The student must also submit proof of enrollment at Southwestern Christian University.
4. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the number of applicants and the amount of funds available in the Heartland Conference IPHC scholarship fund (comprised of two accounts, one for student's and one for ministers) and will be dispersed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Any excess funds in either account can be merged together to help needy students or pastors.
5. First priority for scholarships will be given on a need basis. Each applicant must disclose any scholarship and or aid they are receiving from other sources.
6. The applicant and their parents may designate how the scholarship funds are to be dispersed to best assist the student. The funds can be used for tuition, room and board or books. The funds will be submitted directly to SCU in the student's name to be used as designated.
7. The scholarship funds will be dispersed by August 1st for the fall semester and by January 5th for the spring semester.
8. Each student must maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to qualify for scholarship funds.
9. At mid-term each student must submit to the scholarship committee proof of enrollment for the next semester, a verification of 2.5 GPA and a letter from their local pastor attesting to their active involvement in the local IPHC church.
10. The Heartland Conference, recognizing the need to upgrade the educational levels of its members and pastors, chooses to place the first priority of available funding on undergraduate degrees as Southwestern Christian University. Graduate degrees at SCU will be the second priority.

11. Undergraduate pastors will receive tuition scholarships of up to **\$100.00** per college hour toward a ministerial degree. Graduate pastors will receive tuition scholarships of up to **\$75.00** per college hour. The actual amount of the scholarship for a given semester can vary, depending on the number of applicants and funds available.
12. Applications are taken on a first come-first served basis. If the allotted funds in the conference budget are already committed for the semester, a new applicant will need to wait until the next semester.
13. Ministers in the Heartland Conference who are not serving as pastors **but are serving in a ministry under a local pastor** will be eligible for scholarships on a per semester basis, as funds are available.
14. The Scholarship Committee has the authority to ask for additional information if needed, before the scholarship is granted.
15. **SPECIAL NOTE TO LOCAL CHURCHES: Southwestern Christian University has a “matching church funds” program and will match up to \$500.00 from the church per semester for the Undergraduate Program and the School of Professional Studies program.**

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