

POLICIES FOR UNITY OF SAVANNAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1: This fund shall be referred to as the Unity of Savannah Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1: This fund was formed solely for the charitable purpose of assisting any individual in need of a financial award to attend any educational event associated with Unity of Savannah or related to Unity International. Recipients of this grant must be an active “charitable” member looking to expand his or her consciousness by attending said events.

ARTICLE III. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1: The current Board of Trustees for Unity of Savannah will govern all activities associated with this fund including issuing all awards.

ARTICLE IV. QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1: Applicant must be a member of Unity of Savannah for at least one calendar year and in good standing.

Section 2: Any Board Member may bring the name of the potential applicant forward for review and vouch for this individual’s credibility.

Section 3: Applicant must be involved either before, during, or in the process of participating in the *Sacred Service* program at the time of applying for funds. Service includes but is not limited to any of the *Sacred Service* programs that is currently available in the church.

ARTICLE V. AWARDS

Section 1: All interested applicants must fill out an application and have it turned in no later than 60 days prior to the event registration deadline to allow Board Members time to review document for approval.

Section 2: It must take two Board Meetings for approval: the first meeting for the proposal and then any subsequent meeting for approval.

Section 3: The award must only be used to cover expenses related to the event. This may in some instances include food and/or lodging.

Section 4: No sitting board member is eligible to receive a scholarship.

Section 5: Immediate family members of current Savannah Unity Board Members are not eligible to receive a scholarship.

Section 6: The Board shall designate one account entitled Scholarship Fund.

Section 7: Funds for this account must be restricted and set aside only for this purpose. Likewise, after the budget has been set, no monies may be added to the fund or transferred to another fund. At the time the yearly budget is put in place, the Board of Trustees shall designate how much money shall go into the fund not to exceed one calendar year.

Section 8: No applicant may apply for more than one award during one calendar year.

Section 9: No funds shall be given directly to the applicant.

Section 10: Unity of Savannah will pay for the event directly from this account to the event organizers. Food and/or lodging may be covered but only if they are part of the event fees.

Section 11: A quorum of 2/3 of the Board members must be present to award funds. Award decisions must be unanimous for that quorum.

Section 12: No single award shall exceed \$500.

Section 13: The maximum number of awards granted shall not exceed 5 per budget year.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Board Members shall have the power to make, alter, amend, and/or repeal this policy by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, provided, however, that the action is proposed at a regular or special meeting of the Board and adopted at a subsequent regular meeting.