

College Students, Graduate Students and Parents,

The Children and Youth Ministry has two exciting opportunities to help college and graduate students in the Starmount community. The deadline is **March 15th, at midnight**. Applications can be submitted to Laura Roberson by email and will be discussed at the Children and Youth Ministry meeting in early April with a decision being presented to applicants later in the month.

The **Youth Fund Grant** is available to both high school graduates and postgraduate students – students may apply once for college and once for their postgraduate education. The Youth Fund Grant provides \$400 for those high school students entering college or \$300 for those entering graduate school and is paid directly to the student with the intention of using it toward tuition, books, or other school-related fees. To apply for this Youth Fund grant, a 500-word essay should be submitted outlining their plans for the Fall. Additionally, the essay should describe their service-related involvement, church involvement, academic achievements, and the impact their faith has had on their accomplishments to date, as well as their expectation to be sustained by their faith in the year to come.

The **Bob and Irene Hood Scholarship** is a newer grant provided by the generosity of an endowment gift from Bob and Jackie Hood. The application process begins with a letter of application that includes the following:

- Involvement and/or service to the church
- Future goals and how this money would help in achieving those goals
- Any other scholarships for which the applicant has applied and/or anticipates
- Any special needs for this particular year
- Applicant's GPA

A one-page statement of faith should also be included with the letter of application. Additionally, a letter of recommendation from a member of the church (non-family) will be required. The Ministry recommends an elder or mentor.

The Children and Youth Ministry looks forward to hearing from all interested applicants. Remember: the deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 15th, at midnight. Please send your applications to Laura Roberson, laura@starmountpres.org. Laura will forward all applications to the Ministry for review and selection.