



LIGHT OF CHRIST AWARD

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF PAM POWERS

An endowment scholarship fund at Good Shepherd has been created to reward and celebrate a recipient by granting funds to help financially continue his/her post high school education.

About Pam Powers:

This scholarship is offered in memory of Pam Powers who went home to Jesus on January 9, 2020 at the age of 57. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, and a friend to anyone! She was a member of Good Shepherd UMC since 1994, but her faith went beyond Sunday morning. She leaves behind a legacy of loving Jesus and loving people and animals. Throughout her life, Pam volunteered for countless organizations including Kansas City Pet Project, and anything else her children were involved in. She led numerous Bible studies and small groups and had a zest for life. She recognized needs in her daily interactions with people and worked to fix them - feeding someone who was hungry, walking the dogs from the hospital wing of the shelter, and constantly praying for others. The common thread and driver in her life was Jesus. From her travels and experiences, she would remind her family that kindness is something that needs no words or language to be understood. It was evident that she took that advice to heart. Pam's ability to truly see people and meet them on a heart level was a gift.

Qualifications:

1. Families applying must be an official member or a regular attendee of one of the three UMC Kansas City Northland Good Shepherd churches.
2. The applicant must plan to attend a higher learning institution which includes, but is not limited to community colleges, universities, technical schools, trade schools, etc.
3. The applicant must enroll as a full-time student in the fall semester of the year the award is given.

Scholarship Available:

The Pam Powers "Light of Christ Award" offers one tuition scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to be used the first semester of post high school studies.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the application form for the Light of Christ Award and return it to Good Shepherd Church, 9555 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64155 Attention: Light of Christ Award.
2. A voting committee comprised of Pam Powers's family (and any friends they choose to include) will review and vote on the scholarship recipient. Applicant names and contact information will not be disclosed to the voting committee members.
3. The Good Shepherd Executive Director/Pastor will be the Light of Christ Award coordinator.
4. After each application is reviewed and an honoree has been selected, Good Shepherd will make arrangements to forward the scholarship funds to the awarded recipient.

Scholarship Renewal:

The Light of Christ Award is an annual scholarship offered to graduated high school seniors. One scholarship will be awarded each year, and is limited to the recipient's first semester only.

GPA Requirement:

None

Deadlines and Review Process:

Applications will be accepted between March 1-May 5. The scholarship will be awarded during Senior Sunday on May 12th.



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ESSAY QUESTIONS

(This information WILL be shared with the Light of Christ voting committee)

The following character traits are qualities that Pam Powers displayed on a daily basis to friends, family members, acquaintances, and strangers. Please write a short essay (one page or less) for each of the following traits describing how you exhibit these qualities. Be bold! We won't think you're bragging! Like Pam, you may not initially think you are really good at the following actions. Pam's gift was that she didn't do these things for her own glory. She loved God and loved people and worked to improve herself and point to Jesus. Maybe it's new for you to put down on paper examples of your discipleship. You can do it. Tell us how you think you light the way to Christ for others in the following ways:

Essay I: How do you show extraordinary love for people?

Jesus modeled extraordinary love for all people, and He came to teach us how to do the same. He came to break down the barriers that separate us. We are meant to be a light to the world — demonstrating the Father's heart so that all may be reconciled back to Him.

John 13:34-35 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Essay II: How do you show you have the heart of a servant?

True greatness begins with humility. The Bible tells us that to be great, we must serve others. And humility is at the center of the heart of a servant. We must decrease so that Christ's character may increase in us.

Matthew 23:11 The greatest among you must be a servant.

Essay III: How do you share Christ with others?

When we receive Christ, His Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. Many people in the world are searching. They need someone who's bold enough to share their faith and show them the love of the Father. Now is the time to stand out and be different — to share the great news about Jesus!

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Essay IV: How are you engaged in your biblical community?

God said that it is not good for man to be alone. He wired us to function best in the context of a biblical community. We are the family of God through faith in Jesus, so we don't have to run this race alone.

Acts 2:42 They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

(This information will NOT be shared with the Light of Christ voting committee)

Name:

Address:

Cell phone number:

Email address:

Date of birth:

Parent contact information:



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GENERAL QUESTIONS

(This information WILL be shared with the Light of Christ Award voting committee)

What high school did you attend and in what year did you graduate?

What is your post high school plan in the fall and what has led you to that choice?

What goals do you hope to attain by completing a post high school education?

What are some things you do that make you happy?