Dear Scholarship Applicant,

God's blessing to you as you prepare for your future endeavors. First Congregational United Church of Christ, Janesville, is blessed with scholarship funds for members of our congregation who are pursuing higher education. Active membership in First Congregational Church is a common requirement for all scholarships. There are funds available for most any kind of additional education thanks to the generous forethought of past and present members of this congregation. Below is a brief summary of each of our scholarship funds to help you with filling out the application.

- In 1997, Ted and Faye Bidwell established the **Bidwell Scholarship Fund** to assist congregational members under the age of twenty-seven (27). Criteria for this scholarship are active participation in the life, ministry and mission of First Congregational Church, high scholastic achievement and financial need. Awards from this fund are limited to two years per person.
- **Saenger, Frick, McBlair, Lee Scholarship**. Criteria for consideration for funds are First Congregational membership, financial need, application quality, and educational goals.
- **The Griswold Scholarship Fund** is designated for support of students seeking theological education.
- **The General Scholarship Fund.** A criterion for this scholarship is First Congregational membership and active participation. There are no restrictions to age or education sought.

* Awards from scholarship funds will be limited to a total of five (5) years.

Please be sure all of the following information is in the church office <u>by March 15</u>:

___ Completed application
___ Personal statement of qualification
___ 2 years of grade transcripts from the last school attended

In late April you will receive a letter indicating whether you have been awarded a scholarship and if so, in what amount. Scholarship checks are made out to the college and are sent to you**. It is your responsibility see that the check is sent to your college's financial aid office.**

Should you receive a scholarship grant from the Bidwell Scholarship Fund, an expression of gratitude to Ann Bidwell-Hyzer at 110 Seminole Rd Janesville would be both appropriate and appreciated.

Please contact the church office 608-752-8716 or janesvilleucc@janesvilleucc.org with your questions.

The Scholarship Committee