

Kwang & Kook-Wha Koh Science Scholarship
South Lyon First UMC
Program Description

Background: In June 2021, Kwang and Kook-Wha Koh made a substantial legacy endowment to South Lyon First UMC to fund an ongoing science scholarship program. This gift reflects their thankfulness for the God-given gifts of education and business opportunity they received after emigrating from North Korea to the United States. It also honors the support for their faith journey provided by the United Methodist Church, most recently through their church family at South Lyon First UMC.

General Applicant Criteria:

- Must be actively involved in the life of South Lyon First UMC
- Must be pursuing a degree in a science-related field
- Must be actively enrolled in an accredited institution
- Must have demonstrated academic competence at all prior levels

This Scholarship Program Does Not:

- Require a specific minimum GPA
- Require full-time student status
- Limit applicants to a certain degree level
- Consider need over other criteria
- Limit applicants by age

Application Process:

- Interested applicants may complete and submit an application during the period of Feb. 1 – March 31 for the school year beginning that Fall. The application is available through the church web site.
- The team administering the program will review/evaluate all applications and potentially request an interview with the applicant. Based on available funds, the team will determine the number and value of scholarships being awarded that year. The minimum award is \$1000.
- Scholarship winner(s) will be announced at the early June worship service where we recognize current-year graduates.
- Scholarship funds will be deposited in the student's name at their respective institution. No awards will be paid directly to the student.

Scholarship Renewals:

- Scholarship eligibility is not limited to one school year. Scholarship winners may re-apply each year as they continue their education.
- Scholarship eligibility is not limited to pursuit of an undergraduate degree. Students pursuing advanced degrees may continue to apply each year.
- Receiving an award one year does not automatically mean a student will be selected the following year. Not receiving an award one year does not automatically mean a student will not be selected the following year.

Post-Scholarship Expectations:

Scholarship winners are expected to provide an end-of-school-year appreciation report to the church. This can be in-person, written, or recorded and should summarize how the scholarship helped advance the recipient's education and career plans.

Questions?

Questions about the process or application may be directed to the lead pastor of South Lyon First UMC or via email to scholarships@southlyonfirstumc.org.