

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S. B. C.
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**STANDARD REQUIREMENTS for
MARGARET FUND SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Applicants must be:

(1) Son or daughter of a regular missionary of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., in active service, receiving the regular missionary salary, or of a former missionary who has served on foreign field at least one term, who was retired on account of ill health incurred in active service on the field and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to limit greatly his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C.

(2) Son or daughter of a regular missionary in active service under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C., receiving the regular missionary salary, or who has served at least six years as a regular S.B.C. missionary and who had retired on account of ill health incurred in active service and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to greatly limit his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C.

(3) Son or daughter of those who served twenty years or more as regular missionaries under S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board or under S.B.C. Home Mission Board, shall be eligible to become beneficiaries of the Margaret Fund.

2. Applicant must be at least 15 years of age, preferably not less than 16.

3. Applicant must be in good health, this to be certified by a physician, the Margaret Fund Committee reserving the right to have applicant re-examined upon arrival in this country, health certificate to accompany application.

4. Applicant must be of studious habits and good character. Applicant is requested to furnish references as to these qualifications from at least two persons not members of the family. If possible, it is the desire of the committee that one of these be a former teacher's reference. Recommendations must accompany application.

5. Applicant must be prepared to meet the designated number of units for college entrance except from S.B.C. mission fields where conditions make college preparation impossible [See item 7 (1)].

6. Scholarships will be awarded annually in every instance and must be applied for annually. Such scholarship for college students being \$250, to be applied toward boarding expenses or their equivalent; the Margaret Fund Committee reserving the right to decide as to such equivalent.

7. Scholarships will not be granted for a period longer than four years to any recipient except for the following reasons:

(1) In cases where conditions on mission fields have made the preparatory course incomplete, in which instance aid for preparatory study shall not exceed two years, the annual scholarship being \$200.

(2) In case of Margaret Fund girls desiring to attend the W.M.U.

Training School or any other one of our training schools within bounds of southern Baptist territory, the annual scholarship being \$200.

(3) Any student desiring theological training, the annual scholarship being \$200.

(4) Any student desiring to study medicine in order to become a medical missionary of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., shall receive a Loan Scholarship of \$200 per year according to signed contract, such loan to be cancelled when the student goes to a foreign mission field under appointment of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C. No one is allowed such loan for a longer period than four years.

8. Scholarships will not be granted for use in schools on foreign fields that are under the Foreign Mission Board, as the Board provides for such scholarships. Scholarships are not granted the students remaining at home with parents on foreign fields; exceptions are, however, made when parents are on furlough. Scholarships will not be granted married students or students applying for a scholarship the first time after they become 21 years of age. Scholarships are forfeited if student changes schools between semesters without notifying the committee.
9. All students are expected to communicate regularly through the proper school authority with the Margaret Fund chairman, giving their class record for the semester. It is very necessary that the committee know the scholastic standing of each beneficiary. On request of the student early in September and before December 31, the W.M.U. Treasurer sends the money to the president or business manager of the school, or to the parent when the student is living at home, in which case the parent assumes all obligations to the college. If school boarding expenses are less than the amount of scholarship, the over-plus is to be given the student or parent of same.
10. Application must be in the hands of the Margaret Fund chairman in ample time to receive due consideration at the W.M.U. annual meeting in May, preferably by April 1st. Renewal of scholarship must be applied for annually to the chairman of the Margaret Fund Committee before the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The What, When, Why, Who, Where and How of the Margaret Fund

What It Is

The Margaret Fund is a memorial fund of Woman's Missionary Union used to furnish boarding scholarships for the sons and daughters of regular missionaries of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., in active service; or of former missionaries who served on foreign field at least one term, were retired on account of ill health incurred in active service on the field and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to limit greatly their earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C. Beginning with the fall of 1938 scholarships will also be granted to sons and daughters of regular missionaries in active service under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C., or who have served at least six years as regular S.B.C. missionaries and who retired on account of ill health incurred in active service and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to greatly limit his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C. Scholarships are given also to sons and daughters of those who served 20 years or more as regular missionaries under S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board, or under S.B.C. Home Mission Board.

When Begun?

The initial gift to the fund was \$10,000 made by Mrs. Frank Chambers of New York, formerly of Alabama, in 1905. The amount was first used in purchasing a home in Greenville, S. C. This property provided a home for missionaries' children while at school in the homeland and also a resting place for our missionaries when on furlough. 40 boys and girls and 15 missionaries enjoyed its comforts. In 1915 the call of progress to move forward into paths of greater usefulness was heard, the home was sold and the enlarged amount invested in an educational fund which more fully meets the needs of our missionaries.

The first scholarships were granted in 1916 to eight students, sons and daughters of both home and foreign missionaries.

Why It Is the Margaret Fund

The beautiful name of Margaret was given to

the home by Mrs. Chambers in honor of her grandmother, mother and daughter. The memorial name was retained when the home was sold and the scholarship fund established.

The meaning of Margaret, a "pearl," bespeaks beauty, luster and value, and so to Woman's Missionary Union her Margaret Fund is a rarely beautiful, valuable "pearl," composed of memorial and love gifts.

To the missionary and students it is a "pearl of great price"—an opportunity for Christian education—and through its scholarships these students have advantages which have almost wrought miracles in life's ambitions and ideals.

The Margaret Fund now has four departments—

1. The Endowment Fund

This grew out of the initial gift and sale of the Margaret Home. It is the principal and it has been wisely invested and the generosity of the states adds to it yearly. Several memorial gifts have increased the principal. Only the interest of this is used for scholarships.

2. The "Margaret Memorial" is also an Endowment Fund of the Margaret Fund and only its interest is used for scholarships. During the scholastic year 1930-31, which marked the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Margaret Home and the 15th anniversary of the granting of scholarships under the Margaret Educational Fund, a "Margaret Memorial" was begun, which greatly stimulates interest in the cause. Every state in the S.B.C. now endorses the plan of finding Margarets, permitting them to give a love offering of at least two dollars each and enrolling their names in a Margaret Memorial Book of Remembrance. Hundreds of Margarets living and dead are enrolled.

3. The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship under the Margaret Fund is a memorial that honors a former beloved treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes. It is awarded for the senior year to a Margaret Fund student distinguished during three preceding college years for high scholastic standing, leadership, personality and character. It is in addition to the regular Margaret Fund scholarship to said student.

4. Emergency Fund

There is also a small fund reserved for use in emergencies. Such a fund has been of great bless-

ing already to several missionaries in hours of deepest strain and unusual trial.

Each of these departments furnishes a good investment for gifts or legacies, and all need enlarging to meet the increased appeals for aid.

Who Has the Supervision of This Fund?

A committee, consisting of the W.M.U. president, executive secretary and treasurer, a South-wide Chairman and one member from each of the 19 states. These are all elected each year at the W.M.U. annual meeting.

Who Handles the Money?

All money for this fund is sent through the state headquarters to the W.M.U. treasurer and she sends out all scholarship checks to the presidents of the colleges in which the students are enrolled. These \$250.00 scholarships are sent in two checks of \$125.00 each when students write for them, in the fall upon entering college and at mid-session.

Who Are Eligible?

Sons and daughters of our regular missionaries who are 15 years of age, preferably not less than 16, in good health, of studious habits and good character; and who are prepared to meet the designated number of units for standard high school or preferably college.

Who Are Not Eligible?

No married students, no students applying for the first time after they become twenty one years of age.

For Whom Are Exceptions Made?

Scholarships of \$200 only are granted for more than four years, or for graduate work, only in cases of our Margaret Fund girls who desire to attend any one of the training schools within the bounds of our southern Baptist territory, and of students desiring theological training, also students training for medical mission service on fields where southern Baptists are doing medical work. Any student desiring to study medicine in order to become a medical missionary of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., shall receive a Loan Scholarship of \$200.00 per year according to signed contract, such loan to be cancelled when the student goes to a foreign mission field under appointment of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C.

Where the Students Attend School

The missionary selects the college and makes all the necessary arrangements with the officials for the matriculation of the student. Many schools give free tuition. Realizing that Woman's Missionary Union is loyal to southern Baptist schools the missionary must write the chairman and give wise and expedient reason in case of selecting schools outside of southern Baptist territory; the committee passes on these exceptions before scholarships are granted.

Scholarships are not granted for use in schools on foreign fields that are under the Foreign Mission Board, as the Board provides for such scholarships.

Scholarships are not granted students remaining at home with parents on foreign fields, exceptions are made however when parents are on furlough.

The How of It

Begun as an expression of love and appreciation for the services of our missionaries the Margaret Fund has been enlarged and manipulated through love and prayer.

How grateful are we for the approval and blessings of the Master upon its activities! May these enlarged demands and expansions be met with greater interest, larger gifts, greater publicity and more earnest prayers.

How the work of the Master is broadened and magnified by this cause! A majority of these students are volunteers for active Christian service, many already serving in the homeland and in lands across the seas, many ready, waiting to be sent.

How joyful are the "mother" hearts who minister through loving service to the students homesick and lonely!

How grateful are the missionaries for the atmosphere of prayer and love created for their sons and daughters! Hundreds of letters testify to the great work that blesses and enriches the world through this Margaret Fund.

How much have you prayed or given to enlarge or magnify this cause?—MRS. H. M. RHODES, 269 Kenilworth Place, Memphis, Tenn., *Southwide Margaret Fund Chairman*

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Mrs. Norman F. Williamson

April 17, 1940.

Concord, Ga -

My dear Mrs. Williamson:- It is with much pleasure that I write to tell you that your son, Norman, will be granted the Margaret Fund scholarship for his first year college - the grants are made only one year at the time, as you may see in the leaflet, providing the student meets all requirements.

The Margaret Fund Committee which is "much scattered" had to be contacted for its consideration of the request, as in all cases that are handled before the Convention meeting, hence the delay in answering you.

I am sure, that from what I have heard of Mrs. Hill, that you will be well pleased with the school -

You will please return the requested data, as soon as possible.

Praying the Lord's richest blessing on your work for Him and that the son may become the servant for His Lord that you would have him -

With kindest regards -

I am sincerely yours -

Mary B. Rhodes -
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