

Scholarship Report Fall 2010

The ECW Scholarship committee meeting was held May 19, 2010 at Grace Church in Birmingham. The committee members in attendance were Bethe Ensey (Chair, Grace, Bham), Ann Chambliss (Advent, Bham), Adelaide Cherry (St. Paul's, Greensboro), Phyllis McAnally (St James, Alexander City), Ronda Ray (St. Luke's Jacksonville), Gini Stone (St. Luke's, Scotsboro) and Fiona Watts (President-Elect St. Stephan's Bham) Emilie Reid and Nancy Oberheide were absent.

The committee went over 26 applications and decided to grant 24 scholarships ranging from \$900 to \$100. Two applications were not considered because the applicants did not fit the criteria for an ECW scholarship. The committees' decision was based on church activities, merit and financial need. We took into consideration the completeness of each student's application (complete essay or letter, typed etc.) and the students' priest's comments. For students at smaller parishes without active EYC, we considered community and school service participation.

We discussed giving larger amounts and not awarding some applicants, but the committee feels each applicant should be awarded something.

I proposed that the directions for the application be more complete; adding prompts for the essay/letter and a check list added for completed applications. The committee agreed with this decision. I will have these changes together for Sally Sinclair to update the application on the website.

Letters were sent out to each applicant June 25, 2010 notifying the student of their award.

Lynn Edge has the applicants' photos, home parish and school names and will submit them to The Episcopalian for the fall publication. (We are not publishing each award.)

I am sending an email or calling each committee member to remind them to attend their fall convocation.

Woman at the Well scholarships have not been revised and I hope to get together with Fiona Watts and Katy Smith sometime this fall to discuss what direction we want to go with the WW scholarship.

Submitted,

Bethe Ensey
September 10, 2010