

The Kit Alverson Community Service Scholarship First Baptist Church, Marion, North Carolina

For Kit Alverson, service to his community, especially McDowell and Marion, was a way of life as he desired for others to feel the same sense of belonging in community that he cherished. He always gave of his time and talents whether serving publicly in leadership of organizations or quietly behind the scenes to help those in need. Throughout his years of dedicated service, he served countless organizations including the McDowell County Rescue Squad, the McDowell County Senior Center, Rotary Club of Marion, McDowell Mission Ministries (now Mission Ministries Alliance), and First Baptist Church of Marion.

All applicants must complete and submit the following items for consideration:

1. Completed FBC Marion Scholarship Application page 1 (both FBC scholarships share the same basic application information).
2. A copy of your most recent transcript of grades (if you submitted a transcript for the FBC Marion Scholarship Application, a duplicate is not required);
3. A 350-to-600-word essay addressing the following prompts in a cohesive manner (refrain from using a bullet point for each):
 - How have you contributed to your community (community projects, mission work, or volunteerism)? Please give examples identifying type and length of service. Explain how these activities significantly impacted you and your community. How do you plan to continue community service in your life's next chapters?
4. The signed Applicant's Certification to the following:
 - I understand that this scholarship is open to new and returning undergraduate students but cannot be renewed in following years.
 - I understand that any scholarship award must be used for my educational expenses (tuition, books, etc.)
 - I understand that the check will be presented directly to me unless I notify the church office manager that I want the check sent directly to the college/university;
 - I understand that the check must be cashed within 60 days or will be invalid; lost checks may not be replaced;
 - I understand that the full amount of the award will be returned to First Baptist Church if I fail to enroll and attend the named school within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the semester for which the scholarship is granted, unless otherwise approved by the Scholarship Lead Team.
 - I understand that my application may be submitted in one of the following ways:
 - a. Hand delivered to the church Office Manager, Betsy Steele;
 - b. Electronically to the church Office Manager (betsy@fbcmarion.org);
 - c. Postal service: Betsy Steele, First Baptist Church, 99 North Main Street, Marion, NC 28752.

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that all documents listed above are submitted to the church Office Manager by May 16, 2025.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)