

## **Sarah M. Torrance Scholarship Fund**

In 1925, before the Diocese of Eau Claire existed, a group of clergy and laymen in the Convocation of La Crosse, Diocese of Milwaukee, initiated the plan for transferring this Convocation into an organization patterned along diocesan lines. Their purpose was to begin to create a new diocese and to educate clergy and laymen in the actual operation of a new diocese.

Sarah M. Torrance of La Crosse was the first elected President of the Women's Auxiliary, the forerunner of the ECW. She was an active and devoted Churchwoman. Mrs. Torrance died six months before the Diocese of Eau Claire was formed. She actually had done her job so well that the organization could establish and receive the fund given in her memory in June 1928, even though the diocese itself had not yet been established. Thus the Sarah M. Torrance Scholarship Fund was started.

Through the years, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in the diocese have contributed additional funds to increase the corpus. In 1980, Bishop Atkins added the Bishop's Education Fund to the Sarah Torrance Scholarship Fund. Only the interest from the fund is used.

In more recent years, the Fund's purpose has been expanded to include women studying for Holy Orders as well as men. It can also be used to aid any person who is studying with the intent of going into full-time church work. While preference is given to members of our own diocese, some scholarships have been made to others from outside the diocese in need of assistance.

The Fund is overseen and scholarships awarded by the Bishop in consultation and with the consent of an active member of an ECW appointed annually by the Bishop.

To insure scholarships are tax free to the recipient, money awarded can only be used for qualified education expenses such as tuition, books, supplies, and expenditures for course materials. Specifically, scholarships cannot be used for Room and Board.

Gifts to this fund are welcome from anyone, and all congregations and ECW's in the diocese are encouraged to make contributions each year to the Fund.

**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**  
**SARAH M. TORRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Diocese of Eau Claire  
510 South Farwell Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance is being requested for:

Tuition        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books         \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other         \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please state category): \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships cannot be used for Room and Board.

Please describe briefly basis of financial need: (Continue on reverse side if necessary)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to above address.

Office use only:

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_