



Dorothy Earl Volunteer in Mission Scholarship

Dorothy Earl grew up on her family's farm east of Unadilla, New York. She retired at age 55 after completing a career as an elementary education school teacher in Windsor, New York. Her public life in the Wyoming Annual Conference began at that time as she participated actively in the District and Conference United Methodist Women and began to serve in a variety of ways in the Wyoming Conference and beyond.

At the time of her death in May, 2000 she was a member of many conference and general church boards and agencies, in particular the General Board of Global Ministries. She traveled often with Volunteer-in-Mission teams to Zimbabwe and Haiti. She constantly pushed to broaden and deepen efforts in cross-cultural outreach.

For several years prior to her death a random gathering of friends gathered at dinner during annual conference sessions as the "Dottie Earl Fan Club." They paid "do's" to support mission projects of Dottie's choice. The "Fan Club" continued to meet after her death and soon obtained the annual conference's blessing offer the Dorothy Earl Craft Fair and Auction each year during the conference session. Proceeds from the auction support the *Dorothy Earl Volunteer in Mission Scholarship Program* which offers scholarships so Wyoming Conference clergy and laity can experience life-giving and life-changing Volunteer in Mission trips.

Historically, donations have provided the largest part of the Fund. This part of the program began with a matching challenge gift from a conference layperson with great respect for Dottie and her passion for outreach and missions. Donations are welcome at any time. Checks marked for the Dorothy Earl Volunteer in Mission Scholarship program should be made payable to the Wyoming Annual Conference and sent to the conference at 1700 Monroe St., Endicott NY 13760. The Fund's monies are held by the conference treasurer and administered by a committee elected by the annual conference.

There are two application deadlines: October 31 and March 31. Applications should be submitted by the appropriate deadline so the committee has time to review them and authorize grants by the time they are needed.

The Scholarship Committee will award grants until the funds are exhausted. To maximize the number who can benefit from the program, applicants are asked to request funds only every other year.

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Return to: Wyoming Conference Center
Attn: Director of Connectional Ministries
P.O. Box 58; Endicott NY 13760
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Name: _____

Application Date: _____

Address: _____

Check Appropriate Category

Youth (12-18) _____

Young Adult (18-30) _____

Phone: _____

Laity Adult _____

E-mail: _____

Clergy _____

Local Church: _____

Probationary Member _____

Name & Purpose of the Project: _____

Destination: _____

Trip Dates: _____

Team Leader: _____

Project Cost per Person: _____ Amount You Can Contribute: _____

Amount You Can Raise: _____ VIM Scholarship Amount Requested: _____

Have You Contacted Your Local Church for Financial Assistance? Yes ___ No ___

What Other Sources of Funding Are You Pursuing?: _____

Required Signatures

Applicant: _____

Project Team Leader: _____

Your Pastor: _____

Scholarships can be sent only to a church or VIM Project Treasurer

Payee: _____

Treasurer to Whom Check Should be Sent: _____

Address: _____

Amount Granted: _____

Date: _____