

Sister Rut Scholarship Program

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In memory Sister Rut Lindgren

Sister Rut Lindgren was a missionary nurse from Finland who lived in Nyadire for more than 35 years. Through her years of ministry Sister Rut oversaw the expanded program on immunization for the hospital, driving out to surrounding villages each day to provide immunizations and clinic-based care in hard-to-reach areas. She would visit 24 villages on a weekly basis. Sister Rut had a deep love for the least of God's children, being an orphan herself. Rut adopted and raised many Zimbabwean children during her time in Nyadire. She has been quoted to say: "Every child needs to be held," and she continued to live accordingly. In 1999 the life project of Sister Rut, the "Home of Hope" Orphanage was opened in Nyadire. Money for building the orphanage was raised in Finland, who continues with cooperation with The Nyadire Connection (TNC). At the time of her death she was caring for six children who lived with her. Care for these children is, of course, an immediate concern. Today many children are enjoying the fruits of Sister Rut's ministry as are numerous people who have been affected by her love and care. Sister Rut's dedication to serve generously continues to be an inspiration to members of The Nyadire Connection and Zimbabwe community. TNC members, blessed with her friendship, describe her as having an "unwavering commitment," "a spirit of love and service," and being a woman with "true courage".

TNC honors this program in memory of Sister Rut's legacy as we continue to support Nyadire and many of our students through a tertiary education.

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Overview and Objective

The Nyadire Connection is a faith based non profit organization that seeks to support and sustain the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Northeastern Zimbabwe. We are an integrated auxiliary of Christ United Methodist Church, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For over 10 years, TNC has provided financial educational sponsorships for students in the HOH, HOHO, and HI programs throughout their primary and secondary schooling. It has been decided that TNC has a responsibility to assist these students further with their pursuit of a continued education allowing them to become active and contributing members of their community. In order to sustain the significant early work in supporting educational opportunities for primary through secondary grades, we have developed the Sister Rut Scholarship Program.

Mission Statement

To financially support students (orphans and vulnerable children) at the tertiary education level through scholarship. Recipients will be chosen through an application process.

Eligibility

Students from TNC's Home of Hope (HOH), Home of Hope Outreach (HOHO), or Hearing Impaired (HI) Program who are planning on studying at the tertiary level are eligible to apply for a Sister Rut Scholarship.

Criteria

- In order to be eligible to apply for financial assistance, students must pass the specified O-Levels and/or A-Levels needed for their selected tertiary course of action. This will vary according to applicant's program of choice.
- Students must intend to start and complete a full-time educational program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school in the country of Zimbabwe.
- A selection committee on the Nyadire Mission will determine scholarship candidates through an application and interview process. This committee will consist of leaders from the mission such as the Station Chair, Station Pastor, Orphanage Manager, and the school Headmaster.
 - The application will review: demographics, financial need, community participation, academic performance, personal attributes, & short essay responses
 - If the application is accepted, a personal interview will be conducted with the selected candidate to determine if the applicant will receive funding through the Sister Rut Scholarship program.
- Scholarship applicants must attend class and perform at an average standard or their scholarship awards will be reviewed by the committee and may be terminated. Communication with the tertiary program administration will be maintained by the committee to review applicant's progress.
- Applicants will be received as funds are available.

Commitment

If awarded financial scholarship, students are expected to commit to TNC with regards of maintaining a professional relationship, sharing their progress, communicating goals, and becoming an active and contributing member of society while giving back for the greater good.

Amount

- Award amount and duration will vary depending on tertiary program selection. Scholarship amount will cover costs such as accommodation, meals, school supplies, and program fees.
- All funds will be awarded from TNC and directly sent to the college, university, technical or vocational school. Funds will be renewed on an annual basis contingent with academic performance and completion of volunteer requirements.

Deadline

- Scholarship applications will be due on the 15th of March, June, September, December.
- Scholarship applications will be reviewed and selected recipients awarded by the end of March, June, September, and December.

How to Apply

- Download the application from www.nyadire.org or email info@nyadire.org for a copy.