

The Margaret Bond Allen Memorial Scholarship

Biography and Background:

Margaret Ellen Bond was born in Salem, West Virginia, June 24, 1926, the daughter of the late Simeon and Sallie Bond. She was educated in the public schools of Harrison County and graduated from Salem College (*cum laude*). While growing up and living in Salem she was a very active member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she learned at an early age to love God and the Sabbath.

She married Stanley K. Allen, her high school sweetheart, June 12, 1945. After World War II, when she and her husband had completed their college education, they joined the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. One way Margaret served her Lord was by being active in the work of the church. As she grew in the Christian faith, her love for her Lord Jesus grew to where it was the most important part of her life. She taught Sabbath School all her adult life. Margaret had a special love for the children. Her favorite age group to teach was the Juniors. She was delight-ed when a new student was the child of a former student. Many times she quoted Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." She was an active member of the Ladies Aid Society. As a member of the Ladies Aid Society she held the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer many times. She served many years as janitor without salary. She said it was a labor of love. Margaret was Church Clerk for more than 25 years. She served on the Board of trustees. For many years she was a member and Chairman of the Board of Christian Education. In that capacity she was responsible for the Bible School and Christmas programs. For many years she was active in the camping program at Camp Joy. Margaret served a number of years as Sabbath School Superintendent. In this capacity she worked diligently and built an excellent Sabbath School Program. Margaret was very interested in Christian Education and was a strong supporter of the Denomination's memorization program. She led by example every year by learning all the required verses. Even the year she passed away she had learned all the verses by March.

Margaret loved music, especially the old hymns of the Church. She had a beautiful alto voice and sang in the choir. She also was fond of the music of the big bands, particularly that of Lawrence Welk.

She received the Denominational Award for "Sabbath School Teacher of the Year" in 1988 which was presented to her at General Conference by Rev. David Clarke. She was proud of her Crystal Apple and Study Bible, and valued them highly.

Margaret had a deep concern for the Church and its members. She worked behind the scene to make others look good. She was always ready to listen to and help anyone. "Miss Margaret" was a devoted and loving wife, mother of a son Tom and a daughter Linda Jane. She enjoyed having friends in her home for Bible Study, meals, and Christian fellowship. She referred to her home as the "Allen Motel and Restaurant."

For those who receive a Margaret Bond Allen Scholarship, a major or minor in Christian Education is not required. But, Miss Margaret would appreciate it if you would take one or two classes in Christian Education, so you would be prepared to be a more devoted and active member of your church and a stronger Christian.

SCHOLARSHIP PREREQUISITES

The Margaret Bond Allen Memorial Scholarship is available to any Seventh Day Baptist to attend a college, university, or vocational training institute who meets the following requirements.

1. Applicant must be a person of high moral character and integrity, who lives a clean, wholesome, Christian life, an example to others.
2. The applicant must intend to successfully complete his/her college education.
3. Applicant must be an active member of a Seventh Day Baptist Church for three or more years.
4. Applicant must submit with his/her application a letter of recommendation from his/her Pastor or Deacon. The Pastor's or Deacon's letter should list the applicant's service to the Church and the Denomination, moral character, and why this person should receive the scholarship.
5. The applicant must have a grade average which meets the minimum grade average for the institution.
6. It is not required, but due to Margaret's keen interest and love for Christian education, the applicant should consider taking two or more classes in Christian Education.
7. Applications are due no later than July 1 for the following school year.
8. The minimum scholarship is \$1,000.00. A check will be sent to the institution for the student, with a copy of the letter to the student. The scholarship can be given \$500.00 per semester or \$1,000.00 at one time depending on the decision of the Memorial Board Trustees.
9. Request scholarship application forms, from the following address. Also return the completed form to the same address.

Memorial Fund Office
Seventh Day Baptist Center
P.O. Box 1678
Janesville, WI 53547

10. Priority for the scholarship is given in the following order:
 - First, Member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.
 - Second, Member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.
 - Third, Member of other churches in the Appalachian Association.
 - Member of any Seventh Day Baptist Church which is a member of the SDB Denomination.

EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE: Margaret's grand- daughter, Carly Jun Allen, and her great-grandson Garrett R. Andersen, will receive the scholarship if and when they need it.

The order above is because of Margaret's great love for her grandchildren and her love for her two home churches.