

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Methodist University Faculty and Staff

FROM: Dr. William H. Walker, Vice President for Student Affairs

DATE: January 31, 2019

SUBJECT: William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award

In recognition of the remarkable student-oriented generosity of Dr. William P. Lowdermilk and in full compliance with his explicit wishes for the continuation of his Student Achievement Award Program, it is with pleasure that I announce the 2019 William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award Competition.

The Fayetteville Rotary Club is scheduled to award the William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards at a special ceremony to be held April 8, 2019. This year's competition will offer combined cash awards and scholarships.

Each of the recipients will also receive a framed certificate and a special gift from the Fayetteville Rotary Club.

To be considered for selection, a student must first meet the criteria outlined in the body of this memorandum. In addition to meeting the criteria, a student must be formally nominated by any current member of Methodist University's faculty or staff. A nomination form is included. **The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019, by 5:00 PM. Nominations received after this deadline will not be considered.**

All completed nomination packages must be submitted to:
Mrs. Carol Pope
Program Coordinator
Division of Student Affairs
Berns Student Center, Room 3
Phone: 910-630-7152/email: capope@methodist.edu

Please feel free to contact Dave Baggett at dbaggett@methodist.edu or 910-630-7614 if you have any questions concerning the awards.

William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award

The William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards are presented annually by the Fayetteville Rotary Club to outstanding Methodist University students. The original award was established in 1995 by the Board of the Fayetteville Rotary Club to honor Dr. William P. Lowdermilk for his long and honorable service to Rotary and to Methodist University.

This prestigious Award consists of both a cash award and a scholarship. The cash component is provided during the academic year of selection while the scholarship is available for the following academic year in the fall and spring semesters (only). Students must be enrolled in the undergraduate program and must maintain full time day status for the fall and spring semesters to receive the scholarship. This competitive Award traditionally attracts students who are the recipients of multiple scholarships. If a meritoriously qualified Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award/Scholarship winner, as a result of the receipt of other scholarships, has no outstanding balance owing to the University (excluding student and parent loans), this student will have to content himself/herself with a lesser amount and the recognition and prestige that accompanies this achievement. In the event an award recipient is unable to utilize the whole amount he/she has been awarded, any unused portion of the Award will be returned to the principal of the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award. No unused scholarship credit will be payable in cash or applied to more than one academic year.

The awards are presented to students who meet the following criteria:

1. Students who practice the objectives of Rotary in their daily life:
 - a. Through the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service
 - b. By setting and maintaining high ethical standards
 - c. Through the application of the "Service Above Self" ideal
 - d. Through the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace;
2. Students who are full-time Methodist University students who have completed a minimum of 63 semester hours and less than a maximum of 100 semester hours as of the completion of the Fall 2018 Semester;
3. Students who have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 as of the completion of the Fall 2018 Semester;
4. Students who provide exemplary community-type service to Methodist University, the Fayetteville/Cumberland County community, and/or the global community;
5. Students who demonstrate, by action and deed, high ethical standards and spiritual values in their educational, professional, and personal lives;
6. Students who have made themselves familiar with the life and contributions that Dr. William P. Lowdermilk made to the, then, Methodist College community.

**William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award
Fayetteville Rotary Club
Nomination Form**

Student Name: _____

Student MU ID#: _____

Student's Completed Semester Hours: _____

Student's Cumulative GPA: _____

Your Name/Position: _____

(Please attach a current copy of student's resume to this form.)

NOTE: If you need more space for your comments than what is provided below, please provide your expanded commentary as attachments to this document, but please follow the below format in the same sequence.

1. What is your relationship to the nominee?

2. How long have you known the nominee?

3. Please outline your nominee's qualifications, for consideration, as related to the objectives of Rotary International by commenting on those areas of which you are most knowledgeable as outlined below:

a. The daily display/practice of high ethical & moral standards

b. The application of the motto: "Service Above Self" in day-to-day life

c. Seeking opportunities to serve your fellow man, your community

d. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace

- 4. Please address how the nominee has provided exemplary service to Methodist University, the local community, and/or the global community.**

- 5. Please comment on how the nominee has demonstrated high ethical and moral standards in his/her educational endeavors. Please be specific and detailed.**

- 6. Strongly encourage your nominee to research the life and deeds of Dr. William P. Lowdermilk and be prepared to discuss what impressed him or her about Dr. Lowdermilk, his achievements, and how he lived his life.**