





# Scholarship guidelines

#### I. Intent

It is the desire of the Coastal Bend Emmaus (CBE) that no one should be turned away from the Walk to Emmaus because of financial needs. Therefore, as a sponsor, if you find there is a potential pilgrim in need for support, here are some suggestions.

First of all, it is sometimes a misconception that the sponsor should always pay for the pilgrim. If the pilgrim has means to do so themselves, it is a good thing for the pilgrim to be invested in the weekend. If the full fee is a problem, is it possible the pilgrim can pay for half the fee? When you find there is a shortfall, there are several scenarios that can relieve the situation. Go first to their church. A lot of churches have funds for sponsoring their congregations on Walks. Talk to your reunion group and tell them about your desire to sponsor this person and your need to obtain sufficient funds to do so. Co-sponsor a pilgrim with other friends that have been on the Walk to Emmaus and share the cost. If after all avenues have been pursued and there is still a deficit, please follow the application process below. The CBE has a dedicated scholarship fund for pilgrims that cannot find other means of support. You may also contribute to this fund to keep it healthy. The scholarship program is not intended to pay for all of the costs associated with the weekend, but will pay up to 50% of the associated costs. Please contact the CBE Treasurer ASAP if you have any questions.

### II. Application Process

- CBE scholarship request must be completed and submitted to the CBEC Treasurer for review.
  The scholarship must be accompanied with the completed Walk to Emmaus application along
  with a check for at least 50% of the fee. Once the CBE Treasurer has reviewed the application
  for completeness and verified that the financial resources are available for funding the
  scholarship, the scholarship may be granted. Completed Pilgrim application and this scholarship
  application
- Check for at least 50% of Walk registrations fee made out to Treasurer, Southwest Texas Conference. (If this is a late registration, the checks should be made out to CBE as payment for late registrations are collected locally and sent to the conference as part of the walk closeout.)
- Every effort to raise the full registration fee through family, friends, local church, and reunion groups, Etc. should be exhausted before applying for a scholarship.

Please note: failure to complete the Scholarship application with the required attachments and Speak with or e-mail treasurer to arrange the timely receipt of these documents will delay the Scholarship being approved and the pilgrim being registered for the weekend desired.

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## III. Scholarship Limits

Scholarships will be limited to 50% of the Walk to Emmaus associated fees.

Walk – A maximum of Three ½ pilgrim scholarships may be granted per walk and will be awarded on a first come basis. If additional applications for the walk are received, it will be suggested that the pilgrim roll to the next walk if the scholarship is still desired. Sponsor – A maximum of one (half fee) pilgrim scholarship will be granted per walk, per sponsor.

#### IV. CBE Actions

Upon approval of a CBEC scholarship, a check will be written by the Treasurer or approved signatory and forwarded along with the application and additional funds to the Southwest Texas Emmaus Registrar within 48 hours or as soon as possible thereafter. Treasurer will reply to the sponsor via email with decision. Remember when we give to those in need, there is not only benefit to the receiver, but we are benefited as well. Your pilgrim will appreciate and be touched by your spirit and devotion and if you listen closely you will hear God's words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."