

The Scholarship House offers a unique community living environment for otherwise homeless college students, with high academic standards topping the list of expectations. People of different national, religious, and political preferences live, learn and study together in this community.

Through this kind of cooperative living, The Scholarship House supports students who lack financial resources, demonstrate excellent academic merit, and exemplify good character and attend institutions of higher education. Program expectations promote and maintain an atmosphere conducive to community living.

If you would like more information on The Scholarship House, whether as a student resident, a volunteer, or to make a donation to the program, please visit our website at heart4wh.org/shcn.

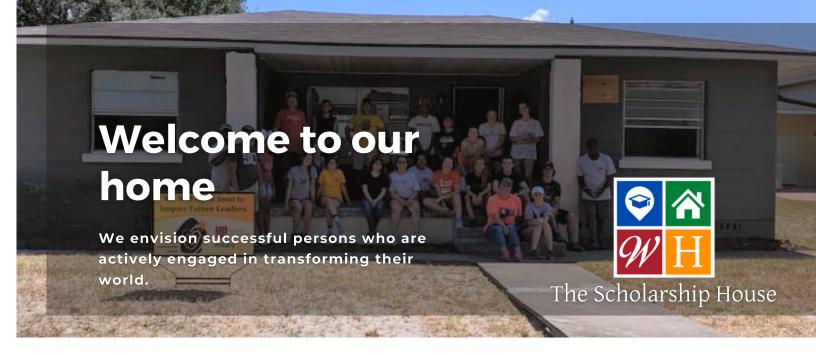
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The Scholarship House is a ministry of



GOALS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP HOUSE

- Provide housing for college age men from the local community.
- Assist them with the resources they need to excel in their education.
- Create opportunities for them to give back/volunteer.
- Help them learn how to manage the responsibilities of school and work.
- Provide insight on managing a household physically and financially.
- Demonstrate household responsibilities such as: cleaning, laundry, cooking, etc.
- Teach and encourage habits that ensure physical, mental, and spiritual health.



ABOUT US

In the fall of 2018, three men gathered for lunch and fellowship. During their meal, they began to discuss the problem of homelessness among college students in Polk County. These students were trying to pursue higher education, but several of the men were unable to find affordable housing. Many were living in their cars, on benches, or on friend's couches, since area shelters do not offer options for men. One of the trio, the head pastor at Living Word of Faith, offered their church's parsonage as a potential solution, and the "Scholarship House" was born!

The Community Men's Group came together to begin the renovation of the building. Soon, local groups and businesses, including the many Rotary Clubs of Polk County, held work days and gave financial support to renovate and furnish it. Along the way, an old sign was discovered under the house, naming it "The Manse," an old term used to describe a clergy house, house or dwelling. Manse shares the same root as the word "remain".

After much work, but with little fanfare, the house was opened to three men on March 31, 2020. Now, young men tending to their college education who experience homelessness can "remain" in school and in community. The journey God laid out that day allowed a dream to become a hope, and an old, vacant house to become a home!

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CORE VALUES





FAITH

COMMUNITY





SERVICE

RESPECT



EMPOWERMENT