



## Clergy Tribute Scholarship Criteria

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**All applications and required documentation must be postmarked by March 1 annually. Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted by the Foundation so please follow all application requirements carefully.**

### Requirements:

Applicant must have completed at least a bachelor's degree and be enrolled in or preparing to enroll in a course of study leading to ordination as an elder or deacon.

Applicant must be planning to attend a seminary approved and recognized by the United Methodist University Senate and/or the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, or their successors.

Applicant must be preparing for United Methodist ministry in Iowa either in a local church or a community focused ministry.

Applicant shall provide a transcript of her/his college/seminary courses and credits as this is a merit based scholarship.

Applicant must submit the Financial Need Analysis, or FAFSA/IRS Tax return.

Applicant shall provide a letter of recommendation from:

- The pastor or a committee on pastor-parish relations of the local church holding the applicant's membership.
- An academic professor of their undergraduate college/university or seminary.
- A wider community representative who has observed them in an employment or volunteer setting.

Applicant shall provide a narrative of their personal journey and call to ministry and involvement in the Church and wider Christian community.

Once you have determined you meet the criteria above please complete the Iowa United Methodist Seminary Scholarship application, checklist and required documents.

Application for Iowa United Methodist Seminary Scholarships may be found online at:  
[www.iumf.org/scholarships/iowa-united-methodist-seminary/](http://www.iumf.org/scholarships/iowa-united-methodist-seminary/)

Checklist for Iowa United Methodist Seminary Scholarships may be found online at:  
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Submit completed application packets postmarked no later than March 1 annually to:  
Iowa United Methodist Foundation | 2301 Rittenhouse Street | Des Moines, IA 50321