



## Ruth Schmalenberger Seminary 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.

Applicant must be enrolled in or preparing to enroll in a course of study leading to a graduate or professional level degree at a seminary approved and recognized by the United Methodist University Senate and/or the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Applicant must be a member of a United Methodist Church in Iowa or a clergy member of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Preference given to applicants from the following Iowa counties: Webster, Hamilton, Wright, Calhoun, Boone and Greene.

Applicant must agree to return to serve a local church in the Iowa Annual Conference.

Applicant must show evidence of being active in the local church, community and/or school.

Applicant must be recommended in writing by the pastor and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of the local church holding the applicant's membership.

Applicant must provide transcript to date.

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

Three letters of recommendation required showing the evidence listed above:

- Pastor.
- School Counselor/Advisor.
- Community Leader, i.e. employer, teacher, etc.

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