



Ruth Schmalenberger Seminary Scholarship Criteria

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 shall provide letter of recommendation from a local Church leader and active member, outside of Pastor from Church holding applicant's membership.

Applicant must submit a personal journey and call to ministry and involvement in the Church and wider Christian Community.

Applicant must submit grade transcript to date.

Applicant must submit proof of ACT and/or SAT test scores.

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

Applicant personal statement with a history involving the following as applicable:

- Church involvement, positions held and participation in activities.
- Description of leadership in school.
- Community leadership outside the local church.

Three letters of recommendation required:

- Pastor.
- School Advisor/Counselor.
- Community Leader outside the local church, i.e. employer, teacher, etc.

For those who meet the criteria listed above please apply online at www.iumf.org/scholarships/. All applications and required documentation must be completed online, the Foundation cannot accept applications and documentation sent by mail or email. All questions regarding application process must be directed to ISTS at 855-670-4787.

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