



Bernhard Memorial Scholarship Criteria

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of an Iowa United Methodist Church.
- Applicant must be a full-time senior level college student.
- The applicant for this scholarship must be planning to attend a degree program at an accredited graduate school of theology.
- Applicant must currently have a "B" average.
- Applicant must submit a college transcript to date.
- Applicant ***must*** submit a FAFSA/IRS Tax return.

Personal Statement Essay Question

Use this opportunity to allow the committee to get to know you beyond what is supplied in the application/transcript. Ideas you could write about:

- Background, identity, interest or talent that is meaningful to you and why.
- Your call to ministry.
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal and/or spiritual growth or new understanding of yourself.
- Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback or failure. How did it affect you and your faith? How did you overcome it?

Recommendation Letters

Three letters of recommendation required:

1. Pastor
2. School Advisor/Counselor or Teacher
3. Community Leader *outside* the local church, i.e. employer, coach, etc. (No relatives)

All applications and required documentation must be completed online, the Foundation cannot accept applications and documentation sent by mail or email.