



# Clergy Tribute Scholarship Criteria

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## **Requirements:**

- ☐ Applicant must be a member in good standing of an Iowa United Methodist Church.
- ☐ Applicant must have completed at least a bachelor's degree or be a college senior in last semester of obtaining their bachelor's degree
- ☐ Applicant must 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 recent college/seminary courses and credits as this is a merit based scholarship.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a FAFSA/IRS Tax return.

## **Personal Statement Essay Question**

Write a personal statement describing your call to ministry and your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **Recommendation Letters**

**Three** letters of recommendation required:

1. Pastor or Parish-Pastor Relations Committee or equivalent
2. Academic Professor of their undergraduate or seminary
3. A wider community representative who has observed them in an employment or volunteer setting

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