



Elva Jane Decker Scholarship Criteria

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of an Iowa United Methodist Church.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll, as a full-time, degree seeking student at the Iowa United Methodist college.
- Applicant must submit grade transcript to date.
- Applicant **must** submit a FAFSA/IRS Tax return.
- Proof of ACT and/or SAT test scores are **optional** but may be considered.

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.