



## Melissa Woodley Memorial Scholarship Criteria

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### **Requirements:**

- Applicant must be a member of a United Methodist Church.
- Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate junior or senior student.
- Applicant must be preparing for a career in social work or social service while attending an accredited college.
- Preference given to students attending an Iowa United Methodist college or the University of Northern Iowa.
- Applicant must have a 2.5 or above cumulative GPA.
- Applicant must submit a grade transcript to date.

### **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.