



Ruth Schmalenberger Seminary Scholarship Criteria

Requirements:

- ☐ Applicant must be a member of a United Methodist Church in Iowa or a clergy member of the Iowa Annual Conference.
- ☐ 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 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.
- ☐ **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 must submit a college/seminary transcript to date.

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
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.