



## Ruth Specht Scholarship Criteria

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### Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of a United Methodist Church.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior enrolling in a United Methodist College in Iowa.
- Academic potential and involvement in church, school, and activities will be considered.
- Applicant must submit grade transcript to date.
- Financial need considered, but not required. 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.