



## Westmar Trust Scholarship Criteria

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### **Requirements:**

- Applicant must be a member of an Iowa United Methodist Church.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll at a United Methodist affiliated college in Iowa.
- Applicant must show evidence that he/she is active in high school or college activities.
- Applicant must have minimum grade point average for high school applicant of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and 2.5 for a college applicant.
- If all criteria are equal, **preference** will be given to students from the following northwest Iowa counties:
  - Lyon, Sioux, Osceola, O'Brien, Plymouth, Cherokee, Woodbury and Ida.
- Applicant must submit grade transcript to date.
- Proof of ACT and/or SAT test scores are **optional** but may be considered.
- Applicant **must** submit a FAFSA/IRS Tax return.

### **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.