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Dear Congregation Leader,

It is almost time for scholarship season at the Iowa United Methodist Foundation! We want to make sure you and the students in your congregation are aware of the scholarships we offer.

Enclosed is a booklet for you to hand out to any high school or college students in your congregation. You can download and print more at our website <https://iumf.org/scholarships>. We also have a flyer and bulletin insert available to print and distribute.

Please encourage students to apply for scholarships starting December 1st. For the 2021-2022 academic year, we awarded over \$300,000 to Iowa students and we hope to increase that number this year. Thank you for supporting students in this way! We are happy to answer any questions you or they have about our scholarship program.

Peace and Blessings,

Cassie Parks

Iowa United Methodist Foundation's SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



*Investing in
the leaders
of tomorrow*



Why apply for a scholarship?

- ◆ The cost of education is increasing every year.
- ◆ We offer a wide variety of scholarships, not just for students attending seminary.
- ◆ **It's worth the time and energy!** If you spend 20 hours researching and applying and end up receiving a scholarship for \$2,000, that's \$100 per hour!
- ◆ You can potentially use the same (or similar) essays and letters of recommendation to apply for multiple scholarships.
- ◆ Each year we have at least one scholarship that goes unclaimed, so apply for all for which you're eligible!

How can I apply?

1. Visit <https://iumf.org/scholarships>.
2. Read the criteria for scholarships that pertain to you. We have sections for high school seniors, students going to non-Methodist colleges, students attending Methodist colleges and students going to seminary.
3. Take the time to write a thoughtful essay. Often times it is more about what you write than how well it is written.
4. Submit all applications on or before March 1, 2022.
5. Add donotreply@applyISTS.com and contactus@applyISTS.com to your safe senders list—you will be notified by the end of May if you were or were not selected.
6. Don't forget to apply again next year!