

UNITED METHODIST MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

2011-2012 Academic Year

Offered by

Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church

UNITED METHODIST MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS are awarded annually by the conference Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Team from the portion of the Student Day Offering returned to the annual conference for that purpose. The number of scholarships is determined by the amount of funds available. The team will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded as well as the amount of each one.

ELIGIBILITY

Merit Scholarship awards are for undergraduate students who are MEMBERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH who are attending a UNITED METHODIST COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

1. Applicant must be a full, active member of a United Methodist Church within the Indiana Conference;
2. Applicant must be recommended by his/her pastor.
3. Applicant must be attending, or planning to attend, an institution of higher education recognized as a United Methodist related school by the United Methodist University Senate. It is NOT required that the school be within the bounds of the annual conference.
4. Only undergraduate students will be considered for the Merit Scholarship.
5. Awards will be determined on the basis of "merit," understood in terms of:
 - **Academic Achievement**
 - **Expression of Christian faith through:**
 - a. church participation in home church and/or campus ministry and/or community service
 - b. vocational preparation for service to humanity

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms may be obtained from your pastor or from the conference center. Awards are made for one academic year. A student may reapply in following years for the Merit Scholarship.

1. Complete all of pages 1 and 2 of application.
2. Write "Statement" as requested on page 2, including such information as will support your merit of this award according to the terms described in item 4 above. (1 to 2 pages, typed)
3. You may request supportive statements from your present or former home pastor, campus pastor, youth leader, of other persons with whom you have worked in service or ministry.
4. Request academic transcript to be sent directly from your school.
5. Give completed application and statement(s) to your pastor who will complete the last page and mail it to:

Indiana Conference United Methodist Church
301 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 300
Indianapolis IN 46280
Attn: Merit Scholarship

Must be received by May 31, 2011

**APPLICATION FOR
UNITED METHODIST MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church**

Please type or print clearly

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Social Security Number _____ Date _____

Name in full _____ Male ____ Female ____

Home address _____
Street City State Zip

Home telephone (____) _____ Age ____ Single ____ Married ____

Will you be living on campus? ____ With parents? ____ Own household? ____ Other? ____

School address (if known) _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone at school (if known) (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

Spouse's name (if married) _____ Occupation _____

If you are a self-supporting student, list number of dependents (explain) _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

To qualify for this award you must be planning to attend a United Methodist college or university.

Name of college you will attend next school year _____

Address of college _____

Academic year: Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Hours completed ____

Will you be enrolled full-time? ____ Number of credit hours? ____ G.P.A. ____ (A= ____ pts.)

When do you expect to graduate? _____ with ____ Degree in _____

For what career are you planning?

_____ (over)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To qualify for this award you must be a full member of a United Methodist Church of the Indiana Conference.

Name of church where you are currently an active member:

_____ Date joined _____

Church address _____
Street City State Zip

Pastor's name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Name of United Methodist church you joined (if different from the one listed above):

_____ Date joined _____

Church address _____
Street City State Zip

Ask your pastor to return the completed Certification of Church Membership
to the conference office by **May 31, 2011**.

Awards will made directly to the student and will be announced by July 1, 2011.

SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS

(Required) In one to two typewritten pages describe the ways in which your faith is expressed through your current church involvement, including campus ministry, through vocational preparation, and/or community service. You may wish to include your philosophy of life, purpose, religious development, including what has influenced you in your career choice.

(Optional, but helpful) You may request supportive statements from present or former pastors of your home church, your campus pastor, youth leader, or other persons with whom you have been involved in church or community work.

TRANSCRIPT

Request that your high school or college mail your official transcript of latest academic work by **May 31, 2011**, to:

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Indianapolis IN 46280 Attn: Merit Scholarship

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is correct and complete. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure all supporting documentation (official transcripts, pastor's certification, etc.) is received by the conference center by May 31, 2011.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Must be signed for application to be valid.)

CERTIFICATION OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

To be completed by pastor of church where you are a member
(If you are a student pastor, your District Superintendent must sign certification.)

(Required each year the student applies)

Please type or print clearly

This is to certify that _____ is a member of
Name of student
_____ United Methodist Church

_____ District _____ Conference.

Date joined _____ Joined by: _____ Confession of Faith _____ Confirmation
_____ Transfer from _____

Note to pastor: The Merit Scholarship is offered only to undergraduate students who are full members of a United Methodist Church within Indiana Conference who are attending a United Methodist school.

Name of pastor _____

Mailing address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Signed _____ Date _____
(Must have Pastor's/District Superintendent's signature to be valid.)

Confidential information to be supplied by pastor

Has the applicant been active in the program of your church?	Yes _____	No _____	? _____
Does this individual have leadership ability?	Yes _____	No _____	? _____
Is the applicant interested in being of professional service to the church?	Yes _____	No _____	? _____
Do you know of any reason why this person should not be awarded a United Methodist Merit or Foundation Scholarship?	Yes _____	No _____	? _____

If this student is especially deserving of a merit award, please give additional information that would guide the awards committee, giving particular attention to the criteria upon which our selection will be made. (Use separate sheet of paper if you desire.)

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