

**Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation**

**DIVINITY SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION**

**For Full-Time Christian Ministry**

We are pleased to announce and invite applications for the 2019–20 Divinity Scholarships available from Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation. These scholarships jointly honor Rev. Marlen Johnson, Centennial’s first pastor, and Dr. Harry Kitts, charter member of Centennial and a noted agricultural educator. The purpose of the Johnson-Kitts Memorial Scholarship Fund is to provide financial support to students who are in formal education to enter Christian ministry on a full-time, professional basis. The Divinity Scholarship Program also includes additional awards from the Rosa Krogh Fund and other CUMC Foundation funds. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 1971. We anticipate awarding six to ten scholarships for \$2,500 to \$5,000.

To be considered for a scholarship, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled on September 1, 2019 in a seminary or graduate school listed by the University Senate per *The Book of Discipline*.
- Show professional promise and commitment to Christian ministry.
- Show financial need for this scholarship.
- State intention to serve in the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

To be eligible for consideration, a completed application, plus certified transcript and three reference letters must be received by November 1, 2019. If you applied for the scholarship last year, please contact us about what you need to update in your application.

You will be notified of your award status by December 1. The scholarships will be awarded during morning worship at Centennial UMC Church in mid-December. If you are awarded a scholarship, we will invite you join us at the morning worship services and to make a brief response for the presentation; however, this is not a requirement for full consideration for a scholarship.

Please send the complete scholarship application, transcript and letters of reference to:

Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee  
1524 W. County Road C-2  
Roseville, MN 55113-1600  
Telephone: (651) 633-7644

Or, email them to: Dennis Webster ([dwebster@centennialumc.org](mailto:dwebster@centennialumc.org)).

Questions may be addressed to Marvin Bauer, scholarship committee chair, by email ([mbauer@umn.edu](mailto:mbauer@umn.edu)) or phone (651-731-6216).

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**DIVINITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, 2019**  
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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:**

1. Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, State, Zip)

4. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of Dependents (including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, State, Zip)

7. Name of Seminary or Graduate School in which scholarship will be used:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Location)

Have you been admitted to this school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Entry Date into Seminary or Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_

9. Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, Year)

10. Degree(s) Sought \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Vocation \_\_\_\_\_

11. Seminary Level Fall 2019 academic year \_\_\_\_\_

12. If now attending another college, give name and location \_\_\_\_\_

13. Colleges or schools previously attended and degrees received:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Name and address of church where you are a member \_\_\_\_\_

History of church activity \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is your relationship to the Minnesota Annual Conference? Please check one.

- Inquiring Candidate
- Declared Candidate for Licensing or Ordination
- Certified Candidate
- Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are you presently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, who is your present employer?

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Name of Employer	Address	City	State	Zip
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17. In a narrative or essay, please describe your Plans and Goals for Christian Ministry, including:

- A. A Personal Statement describing your experience, personal abilities and qualities that you believe will help you be effective in your chosen service.
- B. Your Future Plans and Goals, position(s) you foresee being employed in after graduation, and reasons for choosing this career.
- C. Your Previous involvement in the ministry of your local church and other church-related work and/or volunteer experience.

18. Income and Expenses estimated for the 2019–2020 academic year. Please attach to your application a letter stating why you need a scholarship. Include your income, expenses, and special circumstances. Applications will not be reviewed without this information.

19. Reference Letters. Please request three professional references (e.g., pastor, professor, employer, or supervisor; not relatives) to write recommendation letters addressing the scholarship criteria and send or email them to:

Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee  
1524 West County Road C-2  
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

They may alternatively send their letter as an e-mail attachment to: Dennis Webster ([dwebster@centennialumc.org](mailto:dwebster@centennialumc.org)).

20. Transcript. Please submit a certified transcript from the academic institution you are attending or from the last one you attended.

**Application Deadline is November 1, 2019.**

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Signature

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Date

Scholarship Grants will be made by check payable to the school named herein and the recipient of the scholarship.

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