

**TO:** Divinity Scholarship Applicants  
**FROM:** Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation  
**RE:** Divinity Scholarship  
**DATE:** September 20, 2017

We are pleased to announce and invite applications for the 2017 Divinity Scholarships available from Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation. These scholarships jointly honor Rev. Marlen Johnson, Centennial's first minister, and Dr. Harry Kitts, charter member of Centennial and a noted agricultural educator. The purpose of the Johnson-Kitts Memorial Scholarship Fund is to give financial support to those who are in formal education to enter Christian ministry on a full-time, professional basis. The Divinity Scholarship Fund also includes two more awards, the Rosa Krogh Christian Education Scholarship and the Eileen Tichenor Scholarship. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 1971. We anticipate awarding six to eight scholarships for \$2,500 - \$5,000.

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

- Be enrolled on September 1, 2017 in a seminary or graduate school listed by the University Senate per *The Book of Discipline*.
- Show professional promise.
- Show financial need for this scholarship.
- State his or her 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 letters of reference must be received by November 1, 2017. If you applied for the scholarship last year, please contact us about what you need to submit in your application.

You will be notified of your award status in early December. The scholarships will be awarded during morning worship at Centennial Church on December \_\_?\_\_. If you are granted a scholarship, we will request you join us at one of the morning worship services and make a brief response for the presentation.

Please send 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

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

**Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation**  
**DIVINITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**For Full-Time Christian Ministry**

**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. Email 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 2017 academic year \_\_\_\_\_

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

13. List colleges or schools previously attended and degrees received:

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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
- Exploring 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. Future Plans and Goals. In a narrative manner, please describe your Future Plans and Goals for Christian Ministry, including:

- A. Your goals and reasons for choosing this career;
- B. The position(s) you foresee being employed in after graduation; and
- C. Personal qualities, abilities or experience you believe will help you be effective in this form of service. Include information on previous involvement in the ministry of your local church. (*One page, single-spaced, maximum.*) If you are reapplying, please submit a new or updated statement.

18. Income/Expenses estimated for Academic Year 2017–2018. Please attach to your “Future Plans/Goals” statement 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 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 email attachment to: [lschuler@centennialumc.org](mailto:lschuler@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, 2017.**

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Signature

Date

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

**Send completed application to:**  
**Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee**  
**1524 W. County Road C-2, Roseville, MN 55113-1600**

**Or, email to:**  
**Lisa Schuler ([lschuler@centennialumc.org](mailto:lschuler@centennialumc.org))**