



100+ scholarships available!

TOP 5 WAYS TO HELP YOUR STUDENTS GET THE MOST SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

1. Direct them to <https://iumf.org/scholarships>.
2. Have them read through criteria of scholarships relevant to them. We have scholarships designated specifically for high school seniors, students going to non-Methodist colleges, students going to United Methodist colleges and students going to seminary.
3. Stress the importance of taking the time to write a thoughtful essay that will answer the question and capture the reader's attention. Often times, it is more about what you write than how well it is written.
4. Submit a completed application through the online portal before the closing date, March 1, 2020.
5. Have your church set up a scholarship designated to go specifically to students from your congregation.



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FAQ's

Q: Am I eligible to apply for Foundation scholarships?

A: We have several different scholarship opportunities so most likely, yes! We have scholarships specifically for graduating high school seniors, general scholarships for students going to non-Methodist colleges, scholarships for students going to United Methodist colleges and seminary scholarships designated for individuals following the call to join the ministry. Check out the criteria on our website to see which scholarships you are eligible for.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Once scholarships open, on December 1, you can find the application link on the scholarship page of our website at <https://iumf.org/scholarships>.

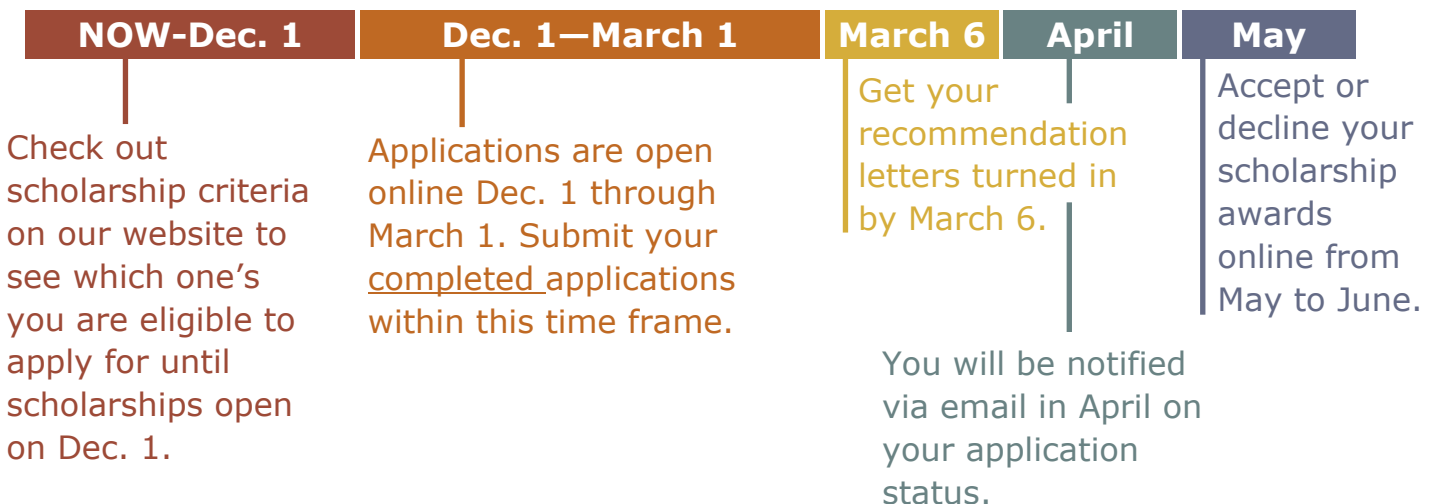
Q: What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: You must enroll as a full-time student in the fall and have verification of enrollment sent to the Foundation office by the Registrar **after** classes have begun. This is the student's responsibility to get taken care of.

Q: How do I get verification of enrollment from my school?

A: Contact your school's Registrar office, after classes have begun, and ask them to send verification to 2301 Rittenhouse St., Des Moines, IA 50321. Checks will be mailed directly to your college or university **after** we receive verification of enrollment from the school. We need to have the verification of enrollment by the 10th for the check to go out on the 15th of the month.

TENTATIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE:



Filling out applications for scholarships may take you a couple of hours right now, but the financial benefits can save you YEARS of loan payments and added interest in the long run.

For reference, adults between the ages of 20 and 30 are paying an average of \$351 per month on student loans for around 10 years. Every dollar you are awarded now is a dollar plus the interest it would have accrued that you will not have to pay back when you graduate.

Many students don't try for scholarships because of the work required, but think of it in this way:

- Say you spend 20 hours searching and applying for scholarships. After all of that time and effort, you win two or three scholarships, totaling about \$2,000 overall.
- That is \$100 per hour, which is over 10 times more than you can expect to get paid at a job that is paying you minimum wage.
- **Taking your time to apply for scholarships is so worth it!**

ALSO, most of our scholarships ask for the same background information and only require one essay to be written. This one essay can be used for each scholarship you apply for. If you put your time and effort into your essay and apply for ALL of the scholarships you are eligible for, you have a great chance of getting scholarships. It is as simple as that!



HOW TO SET UP A SCHOLARSHIP

Want to set up your own scholarship, either through a tax-savvy gift now, or in your will? Check out the free and anonymous gift-planning tool at iumf.giftlegacy.com or contact the Foundation office by calling 515-974-8927 or emailing info@iumf.org. We will get back to you with more information and further steps to set up your scholarship fund.

Good Luck!



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