

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Salem United Methodist Church Scholarship is available to students who are members of the Salem United Methodist Church. Scholarship awards will be considered based on special emphases. First, students seeking a degree in ministerial or religious studies are to be given the most consideration. Second, students enrolling in United Methodist colleges are to receive the second highest consideration. Third, students enrolling in other church colleges shall receive the third highest consideration. Fourth, the least consideration shall be given to students who enroll in other institutions of higher learning.

The completed application, along with an **official high school or college transcript** and letters of recommendation must be returned to the church office by June 1, in order to be considered for a scholarship. **The application must be typed and completed in its entirety.** Applicants must have and maintain a 2.0 GPA in the prior academic year and be enrolled in at least 12 hours per semester in college to qualify. To obtain a copy of submitted transcript/application, request must be made by the student and will not be released to anyone else unless written request is made by the applicant.

Each applicant will be notified in writing of the results. Scholarship winners will be informed of the amount and presentation date. Recipients will be recognized in a church service. Payment will be made in two equal installments directly to the educational institution prior to registration for the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must apply for awards annually and can receive awards for no more than five years of undergraduate study and two years graduate studies. Those receiving scholarships must stay enrolled for the entire school year and maintain a 2.0 GPA or scholarship will be revoked. **If you fail to enroll or withdraw during the semester, the refunded scholarship money must be returned to Salem UMC.**

Scholarship recipients are required to submit their fall semester grades to the church office no later than Dec. 30. This may be done via email, mail, or hand delivered. It does not have to be an official transcript. The church's email address is sum@sum.kscoxmail.com.

Application materials required:

1. Completed application form
2. Lists of the following: **(must be typed and include years occurred)**
 - a. Current and past church experiences at SUMC or current church in your college area (include date of experiences)
 - b. School activities/honors
 - c. Community involvement
 - d. Work experience
3. Official current transcript(s) from high school or college/university attended in the last year.
4. An essay of at least **100 words** explaining how your relationship with SUMC will help you with your postsecondary/graduate studies. If you are applying again, a new essay is required.
5. Current letters of recommendation from the following persons must be **dated and signed**:
 - a. Teacher from the **present semester**
 - b. Non-family Salem United Methodist Church member Letters from former application years will not be accepted.

All materials must be submitted by June 1, to the SUM church office. Helping with Vacation Bible School is highly recommended during the week it occurs or prior to.

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Criteria for Determining Scholarships

Each application will be evaluated using the following scale to determine if a scholarship is awarded and the amount of the scholarship.

<u>Points</u>	<u>Category (covered in By-laws)</u>
40	Applicant going into ministry
25	Applicant attending Methodist College
20	Applicant attending church-related college
15	Applicant attending other institution of higher learning

<u>Points</u>	<u>Category (based on Scholarship Committee's evaluation)</u>
20	Applicant's prior involvement in SUMC or college church
10	Applicant's extra-curricular involvement/honors at school
10	Applicant's involvement in community
10	At the discretion of the Scholarship Committee

In the second category, the Scholarship Committee will determine the amount of points given in each area.

Special considerations:

1. The term higher learning will include vocational schools.
2. The category of prior involvement in SUMC will take into consideration such factors as their attendance and youth activities.
3. Students must have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average in their **prior academic year** and be enrolled in at least 12 hours per semester in college.
4. Applicants meeting all of the criteria who are enrolled in 6-11 hours may qualify for half of a scholarship.
5. Scholarships for individual applicants are limited to 10 semesters for undergraduate studies and two years of graduate studies.

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(must be typed)**

Name _____

Social Security number _____ Phone (home) _____

Address _____ Phone (cell) _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email address _____

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

OR Spouse's name _____ Occupation _____

School I will be attending _____

School Financial Aid

Department address _____
Street City State Zip Code

College major _____ Career choice _____

Semester I plan to enroll _____ 12 hours or more? _____

Classification during the coming school year:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Signature of Applicant _____

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