

**ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOUNDATION SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP
Guidelines for the 2019 year**

PURPOSE

The **St. Mark's United Methodist Church Foundation Seminary Scholarship** ("Scholarship") is for seminary studies leading to careers in Christian Ministry. The primary purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage, recruit and financially support persons who wish to enter into Christian Ministry. The St. Mark's United Methodist Church Foundation ("Foundation") intends to award Scholarships to students enrolled in or approved as a candidate for enrollment in one of the United Methodist Church University Senate-approved Seminaries.

In order to be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Is a member (in order of priority) of:
 - St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska;
 - A United Methodist Church in Lancaster County, Nebraska;
 - A United Methodist Church in the Great Plains Conference.
2. Intends to enter into Christian Ministry (Minister, Youth Minister or Christian Education Director) as evidenced by his or her enrollment in the candidacy process.
3. If a current seminary student, has received a statement from a District Committee on Ordained Ministers of the Great Plains Conference that the student/candidate is making progress to ordained ministry.
4. Demonstrates scholastic achievement.
5. Completes the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Application.

AMOUNT

It is intended that the amount of the Scholarship shall be up to \$3,000 per semester (up to \$6,000 per academic year). Payment will be released upon proof of enrollment.

DURATION

Scholarships will be awarded beginning with the semester following approval by the Foundation. Scholarships may be awarded for more than one academic year to the same person upon submitting a new application and provided the recipient is diligently pursuing his or her course of study.

APPLICATION

Applications can be obtained on or after April 1st by:

1. Emailing the Chair of the Foundation Scholarship Committee at fitzfp@aol.com
2. Calling the Chair of the Foundation Scholarship Committee at: 402-770-5677; or
3. Writing to the Chair of the Foundation Scholarship Committee at:
St. Mark's United Methodist Church Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship
c/o Mr. Bob FitzSimmons
6421 Shenandoah Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68510

Attachments to the application must include:

- A one page statement of the applicant's description of his or her calling to ministry and career plans for Christian Ministry. (First time applicants only)
- A current academic transcript.
- Documentation/Description supporting financial need. At a minimum, provide amount of total tuition, housing, meal and textbook costs as well as financial aid already secured including scholarships, if any.
- Two letters of recommendation. (First time applicants only)
- Copy of acceptance to a United Methodist Church University Senate-approved Seminary if a first year seminary student.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The scholarship announcement will be emailed to each District Superintendent in the Great Plains Conference, published in the April issue of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation E-Newsletter, announced on the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation's website, included in the first April weekly "GPconnect" email and distributed to each United Methodist Church University Senate-approved Seminary.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by the Chair of the Foundation Scholarship Committee by June 30, 2019.

AWARDS

The St Mark's United Methodist Church Foundation will select the recipient(s) and notify the recipient(s) of the selection and the amount of the Scholarship by August 1, 2019. The Scholarship will be paid to the Seminary in which the recipient is enrolled or plans to enroll in the 2019-20 academic year.

INTERNSHIP

Each Scholarship recipient is encouraged to apply to serve as an Intern at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Information concerning Internship duties, Internship stipends and Internship applications can be secured from St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 8550 Pioneers Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68520-1306.