



**Desert  
Southwest**



UNITED METHODIST  
FOUNDATION

## **Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Program for Students**

This scholarship program recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential, are active within their local United Methodist Church, and who are pursuing a higher education. The scholarships assist students with the common financial challenge that they face while attending school. Multiple scholarships up to \$5,000 for full-time students and up to \$2,500 for part-time students may be awarded.

Qualified applicants must submit an application, a response to essay questions, an official transcript (received directly from the school), a letter of recommendation from their clergyperson, and two (2) additional letters of recommendation (all three letters must be received by DSUMF directly from the authors) prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup> deadlines.

All scholars and applicants shall be notified of the award decision within 60 days of the application deadline. Scholarship funds shall be paid directly to their school, for the benefit of the scholars. The scholarship amounts may vary annually relative to the funds available.

Direct any questions to the Foundation office 602-798-8202 or [foundation@dsumf.org](mailto:foundation@dsumf.org)



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### Application

Please complete the following information and return by **JUNE 30 OR DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE**, to:

foundation@dsumf.org or  
Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation  
1300 S. Litchfield Road, Suite 220-O  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Name		
Address		
City/State/Zip		
Phone	Email	
Marital Status ____Single____Married ____Divorced		Number of Dependents
Name of School Attending	Degree Pursuing	Cumulative GPA
During the 2025-2026 academic year, I intend to be enrolled: ____Full-Time ____Part-Time Credit hours per semester _____		
Estimated Annual Expenses: (Note: Include total household expenses. If married or dependents are living with you, include those related expenses.)		
Tuition & Books:	Housing:	
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Transportation:	Child Care:	
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Food:	Insurance:	
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Medical:	Clothing:	
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Annual Debt Repayment:	Other Personal:	
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Other (specify):	Going Out/Travel/Fitness/Entertainment:	

Estimated Annual Income:

(Note: Include total household income, less taxes. If married or dependents are living with you, include their income, if any.)

Net Wages/Salary/Work Study:

Other Grants/Scholarships:

529 Plan Contributions/Financial Gifts:

Other (specify):

Household Debt:

(Note: Include total household debt. If married or dependents are living with you, include their debt, if any.)

Undergraduate Student Loans:

Graduate School Student Loans:

Credit Card Debt:

Medical Debt:

Mortgage:

Other (specify):

I attest to the following:

\_\_\_\_ I am enrolled as a part-time or full-time student and currently attend an institution of higher learning or a trade school.

\_\_\_\_ My cumulative GPA is 3.00 or higher.

\_\_\_\_ The information in this application is accurate, truthful, and complete.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I have been dishonest with any portion of this application or intentionally misrepresented financial information, the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation may, at its sole discretion, seek legal action for repayment of any scholarship funds provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Please provide your thoughtful response to the following: (word count limit 250 per question)

1. What are your career aspirations?
2. Who is your role model?
3. Why did you choose this school or program?
4. How has your life been impacted by The United Methodist Church?
5. Where are you finding inspiration or hope these days?
6. What has been one of your greatest achievements?

Letters of Recommendation: (To be provided directly from the recommender)

Provide a letter of recommendation from your church's clergyperson. This letter should specifically address their perception of 1) your gifts and skills, your involvement in, and contributions to the church, and 3) your capacity to learn and grow and become a leader in your chosen field.

In addition, provide two (2) letters of recommendation – not from a family member. These letters should specifically address their perception of 1) your gifts and skills, and 2) your capacity to learn and grow and become a leader in your chosen field.

*Note: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits an educational institution from releasing confidential, non-directory information about a student without a student's consent. You may waive this right for faculty and staff when you ask them to write a letter of recommendation for this scholarship application process. It is your responsibility to provide this consent and to follow the appropriate protocol of your school.*

**Reminder: In order for your application to be considered, the following must be received by December 31 or June 30. It is your responsibility to verify all information has been received in our office by the due date.**

- \_\_\_\_ Completed Application
- \_\_\_\_ Response to Essay Questions
- \_\_\_\_ Official Transcript
- \_\_\_\_ Clergyperson Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_ Two (2) Additional Letters of Recommendation