

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church
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PURPOSE

The San Luis Obispo UMC Scholarship is awarded annually to encourage students with a demonstrated passion for advancing social justice, equality, the celebration of diversity and stewardship of the environment. The United Methodist tradition of the Christian faith is deeply rooted in active pursuit of outward works of justice and compassion. We believe this moment in history calls us to invest in the future of students who will actively contribute to making our society a better place for all people.

REQUIREMENTS

This scholarship is designed as a supplemental source of funds to offset educational expenses for any San Luis Obispo County Resident attending a college, university, or trade tech/technical School. Candidates who have been active or intend to be active in their community working for justice in any of the following areas: peace and nonviolence, economic, environmental, social and civil; are encouraged to apply.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete and return the application to San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church, via email, to scholarship@sloumc.com by May 1.
2. Furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited institution of advanced education.
3. Furnish evidence of residency in San Luis Obispo County.
4. Provide a list and verification of activities engaged in working for peace and nonviolence, economic, environmental, social and civil equality, equity and/or inclusion of all people within your community.
5. Furnish two written letters of reference from persons, other than relatives, who have worked beside you, coached, or mentored you in your community work. References from Board Members of the Wesley Foundation or members of the Scholarship Committee may not be submitted.
6. Reference Letters should contain the following information:
 - a. Personal qualifications of the candidate.
 - b. Applicant's academic ability.
 - c. Applicant's activities within the community.
 - d. Length of time the recommender has known the applicant.
 - e. In what capacity has the recommender known the applicant.
7. Furnish any additional information which you feel would be helpful to your application in the form of a personal letter.

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Name	
Address	
City/Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email	

Name Of School You will be attending:	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Enrolled as	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Name and location of schools you are currently attending or have attended. (high school and post high school)	
What are your extracurricular activities and interests?	

Name/Address of Parents or Closest Living Relative	
Number of family members attending a school of higher learning at the same time _____	
Where are you planning on living while attending school: <input type="checkbox"/> at home <input type="checkbox"/> in a dorm <input type="checkbox"/> off campus housing	

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Are you receiving financial support from other sources (family, scholarships, special funds, other? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you applied for financial aid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What are your financial needs to cover the costs of your schooling?
If, granted, how do you intend to use this scholarship?

Your response to the following questions should be a 100 words or less.

What are your educational objectives?
What are your career objectives and how will they be served by your education?
List those community, religious or other groups that you are affiliated with/work with that are community based and focused on peace and justice. (or the environment)
What kind of community advocacy are you passionate about? In what ways have you lived this work? What impact has your endeavors had on you and on your community?

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How will you continue to be a community advocate while in school?

Essay Questions – (200 words max for each question)

1. Injustice takes many forms. Describe one. What would be needed to eliminate this injustice? Where do you see yourself in this work?
2. How do you envision your educational goals will influence/impact/expand upon your community work in the future?
3. Why do you think you deserve this scholarship?

Are you willing to share your educational aspirations with the members of San Luis Obispo United Methodist church? Yes No

Signature

Date

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REFERENCE LETTER
SAN LUIS OBISPO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME	
DATE	
YOUR NAME	
ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO	

PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR LETTER:

- YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE APPLICANT
- LENGTH OF TIME YOU HAVE KNOWN THE APPLICANT
- APPLICANTS PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS
- APPLICANTS AREA OF FOCUS AND COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE
- APPLICANTS ACADEMIC ABILITIES