

2009 STUDENT DAY MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Pastors and Local Church Leaders: A student from your church may be eligible to receive one of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries' *Student Day Merit Award* scholarships. Please read the following criteria carefully and bring to the attention of students who qualify. Note the **March 15, 2009** deadline and that your church is entitled to make only **one** nomination.

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Guidelines: Student Day Merit Award

1. Awards are to Iowa United Methodist students who will attend/do attend a United Methodist college/university/seminary, (as recognized by the University Senate) this fall. The institution does not need to be located in Iowa.
2. Awards are for merit, in terms of academic performance, church (home church and/or campus ministries) and school/community involvement, financial need, special vocational preparation for ministry and other service.
3. An applicant will be nominated by their local church. (ONE nomination per church. More than one nomination will result in disqualification of all nominations from that church.)
 - a. The student should complete the application form accompanying this announcement. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, or school administrator is also to be included.
 - b. The sponsoring church must include with the student's application a letter of recommendation describing the student's involvement in church, school, community and other organizations, and why the nominee merits this recognition.
 - c. This material, mailed/emailed in ONE PACKET, should be sent to STUDENT DAY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: % Medea Saunders, Grace UMC, PO Box 67 Story City, IA 50248. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications electronically to pastor@grace-umc.com with "STUDENT DAY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE" in the subject line. Whether submitted electronically or mailed applications MUST be received by March 15, 2009.
4. These awards are made only for the 2009-2010 academic year.
5. Awards are made to students as part of their/their family's contribution to the cost of education. Merit Awards are not intended to displace any other financial aid to which the student is eligible.
6. The number of these \$1000 awards is determined by the total amount received each year from the United Methodist Student Day Offering, 10% of which is rebated back to our Conference.
7. Applicants will be notified by April 15, 2009. An announcement of the 2009 Merit Awards will take place at Annual Conference in June.
8. In case of unforeseen circumstance not expressly covered by the above guidelines, the BHECM will formulate appropriate procedures, compatible with the spirit of the Guidelines.

MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ email address (as of April 15th) _____

Postal Address (as of April 15th)

Phone numbers (as of April 15th)

Home () - _____
Mobile () - _____

I am a member of and nominated by the _____ United Methodist Church
In the _____ District. My pastor(s) is/are _____.

I (circle one) attend/have been accepted at _____, a
United Methodist college/university this fall, where I will be a (circle one) full-time/part time student, as
a (circle one) freshman/sophomore/junior/senior/Graduate student. My major or academic area(s) of
interest is/are _____.

****Please attach a separate sheet, telling about your qualifications for this Merit Award.**
(see Guideline #2) Please be specific!

Provide the name of a teacher, professor, or school administrator who knows the quality of your
academic work:

Name: _____ Title/Position: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ email: _____

Provide the name of a former employer, if you have had employment:

Name: _____ Title/Position: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ email: _____

Provide the name of a person, other than your pastor or a relative, whom you have known over a period
of years and who knows the quality of your character:

Name: _____ Title/Position: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ email: _____

All of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. As a nominee for a Merit Award, I
will continue to live up to the confidence my church has shown in me. If I am chosen, I agree to the
release of biographical information about me to local and conference media outlets.

Signed _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST: HAVE YOU ENCLOSED EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN ONE PACKET/EMAIL?

- __ Application
- __ Letter of nomination from the sponsoring church (see Guideline #3b)
- __ Student's essay on qualifications for this award (see Guideline #2)
- __ High school/college transcript with G.P.A.
- __ Letter of recommendation from teacher/professor/school administrator

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