

Guidelines for St. Paul United Methodist Scholarship **2024 School Year**

1. High school graduation or GED is required of all applicants.
2. Scholarships are awarded for **undergraduate** and **trade school programs** only. Exceptions may be considered if graduate hours are needed to complete program requirements for work certification and the student has not used five years of scholarship eligibility. For example; Michigan State education majors must complete student teaching as a fifth year for graduate credit to qualify for a professional license.
3. Members, children of active members, and children of pastors assigned to St. Paul's are eligible to apply for full scholarships.
4. Full time constituent applicants will receive one half of a full time member award for that year. Part time constituent applicants will receive one half of a member's part time award, at the discretion of the committee.
5. One semester of academic credit or the equivalent must be completed before a student is eligible for their first scholarship.
6. Scholarships for less than full time students may be awarded. Normally, this will mean that the award will be for half the full time amount, and count as a half year in determining future year eligibility. A full time student is defined as having completed twelve (12) or more hours in the previous semester as shown on the grade report submitted with the application.
7. No individual may receive a scholarship for more than five years. Students may not apply beyond the end of the calendar year of their graduation.
8. The amount of the awards given will be determined annually by the committee. Factors used to determine awards size will include the number of applications received, appropriate fund reserves and such other factors as the committee deems appropriate.
9. Application for a scholarship will be made on forms available from the church office, and must be accompanied by a copy of the students latest grade report (including hours completed and GPA).
10. The Scholarship Committee normally meets only once a year, during the early part of the second half of the academic year. This allows first year students to submit first semester grades and have registered for the second semester prior to application.
11. Awards are normally mailed directly to the student to be used at the student's discretion for education related expenses including tuition, fees, books, transportation, room and board.
12. Students should be in good standing academically; as nearly as can be determined from transcripts provided, with at least a 1.5 on a 4.0 scale, unless extenuating circumstances can be documented.
- 13. All applications must be received by Sunday, January 21, 2024**