



First United Methodist Church of Lancaster Scholarship Application

Scholarships are available through the First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, Ohio, to provide financial assistance to members of the church who plan to pursue or are currently enrolled in a program of higher education. For the purposes of the scholarship program, “higher education” is defined as follows:

1. A degree program at any Council for Higher Education accredited institution within the U.S., or
2. A degree or certification program that is provided by a college, university, technical school or arts institute that is intended to prepare the learner for his or her future career/profession.

Members in good standing of FUMC of Lancaster for a minimum of one year are eligible to apply. Applications from members of less than one year may be considered on a case by case basis.

All applications must be returned to the Business Office **no later than March 31**. Late applications will not be considered. The selection process will begin in April with the intent to notify award recipients in June. Please note that it is very important that you complete all requested information on the application, as all information submitted will be used in the selection process.

Awards will be mailed to recipients in early summer in the form of a check made out to the student and the university/school he or she will be attending. Please contact Sarah Holley, Business Administrator, with any questions or concerns you may have at (740) 653-3330 x1005 or sarahholley@love-first.org.

Other financial resources available to United Methodists:

Additional financial assistance is available for those students who attend Ohio Northern University at Ada through the George W. Herd Student Aid Fund. This fund was originally established in 1976 through a gift from the congregation of the First United Methodist Church in Lancaster, Ohio. The fund continues to be administered by the university, with preference given to members of the Lancaster church.

In addition, scholarship opportunities may be available through the West Ohio Conference (www.westohioumc.org) and through the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (www.gbhem.org).