

TO: Divinity Scholarship Applicants
FROM: Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation
RE: Divinity Scholarship (formerly called the Johnson-Kitts Memorial Scholarship Application)
DATE: September 20, 2016

We are pleased to announce and invite applications for the 2016 Divinity Scholarships available from Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation. These scholarships jointly honor Rev. Marlen Johnson, Centennial's first minister, and Dr. Harry Kitts, charter member of Centennial and a noted agricultural educator. The purpose of the Johnson-Kitts Memorial Scholarship Fund is to give financial support to those who are in formal education to enter Christian ministry on a full-time, professional basis. The Divinity Scholarship Fund also includes two more awards, the Rosa Krogh Christian Education Scholarship and the Eileen Tichenor Scholarship. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 1971. We anticipate awarding six to eight scholarships for \$2,500 - \$5,000.

To be considered for a scholarship, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled on September 1, 2016 in a seminary or graduate school listed by the University Senate per *The Book of Discipline*;
- Show professional promise;
- Show financial need for this scholarship;
- State his or her intention to serve in the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

To be eligible for consideration, a completed application, plus certified transcript and three letters of reference must be returned to Centennial Church by November 1, 2016. If you applied for the scholarship last year, please contact us about what you need to submit in your application.

You will be notified of your award status in early December. The scholarships will be awarded during morning worship at Centennial Church on December 18. If you are granted a scholarship, we will request you join us at one of the morning worship services and a brief response, and ask you to provide a photo of yourself.

Please send complete scholarship application, transcript and letters of reference to:

Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation
Attention: Marvin Bauer
1524 W. County Road C-2
Roseville, MN 55113-1600
Telephone: (651) 633-7644

15. What is your relationship to the Minnesota Annual Conference? Please check one.

- Inquiring Candidate
- Exploring Candidate
- Declared Candidate for Licensing or Ordination
- Certified Candidate
- Other (Explain) _____

16. Are you presently employed? _____ If so, who is your present employer?

Name of Employer	Address	City	State	Zip
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17. *** In a narrative manner, please describe your Future Plans and Goals for Christian Ministry, including:

a) Your goals and reasons for choosing this career; b) the position(s) you foresee being employed in after graduation; and c) personal qualities, abilities or experience you believe will help you be effective in this form of service. Include information on previous involvement in the ministry of your local church. (*One page, single-spaced, maximum.*) If you are reapplying, please submit a new or updated statement.

18. Income/Expenses estimated for Academic Year 2016–2017. Please send us a letter stating why you need a scholarship. Give income, expenses, and special circumstances. Attach this to your narrative “Future Plans/Goals” statement. See Number 20 below. Applications will not be reviewed without this information.

19. Three References (not relatives). These should include two professional references (pastor, professor, employer, or supervisor). Please request that references address the criteria and have them sent directly to:

Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee
1524 West County Road C-2
Roseville, Minnesota 55113
Telephone: 651-633-7644

20. Please submit a certified transcript from the academic institution you are attending or from the last one you attended.

Application Deadline is November 1, 2016.

Signature

Date

Scholarship Grants will be made by check payable to the school named herein and the recipient of the scholarship.

**Send completed application to
Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee
1524 W. County Road C-2, Roseville, MN 55113-1600
or e-mail to
lschuler@centennialumc.org**