

Dixson Foundation- Centenary United Methodist Church Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Be a staff member or current member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be planning to attend full-time an accredited two-year or four-year, college, university, technical, trade or vocational school located in the United States.

Preference:

- Preference is given to students who intend to prepare for the ministry or do some form of work in Christian education in the United Methodist Church.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Interested applicants may apply online at www.csascholars.org/dixsoncumc.

Q: How are applications submitted?

A: Applications must be submitted online via the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) portal. There are three steps to complete and submit the application:

1. Set up an account through the portal.
2. Login to the account and complete the application. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CSA. Applicants should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
3. E-Mail in any additional required materials. See list below.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

- **Student Authorization and Acknowledgements Form**, found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- **Official transcript** with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest Fall semester.
- **Personal statement/essay**. Submit a brief personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to the applicant. Include college and career plans, if known.
- **A list of your academic honors, leadership skills, and community service, etc.** Give particular emphasis to your current involvement in church programs and other service-oriented activities.
- **Page 1 & 2 of your 2026-2027 FAFSA Submission Summary**, which includes your name and SAI (Student Aid Index). This is the report you will receive after completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- A complete **W-8 or W-9 IRS Form**. This form must be completed by the applicant.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **April 27, 2026**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be emailed must be sent to CSA no later than **April 27, 2026** and should be sent in one email.

Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?

A: The amount of scholarship awards may vary.

Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?

A: Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

Q: What school may I attend?

A: You must be a full-time student enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, technical, trade, or vocational school located in the United States. **Recipients must be working towards an undergraduate degree.**

An eligible educational institution is one whose primary function is the presentation of formal instruction and that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: All applicants will be notified by email whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Is this scholarship renewable?

A: This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed, and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.