

**Frank Iritani Human Relations Scholarship, 2026**  
**Info & Application**  
**Centennial United Methodist Church**  
5401 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822

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The Frank Iritani Human Relations Scholarship of Centennial United Methodist Church (CUMC) offers renewable scholarships in the amount of \$1000 to assist students with the expenses of college (room & board, books, food, transportation, etc.) or any educational or vocational program after high school.

The Frank Iritani Human Relations Scholarship was established in memory of Frank M. Iritani who was a member of Centennial United Methodist Church (UMC). A social service worker and community volunteer and activist, Frank cared deeply about social justice, promoting peace and improved human relations, and alleviating human suffering. The Scholarship is given annually to students affiliated with Centennial United Methodist Church who are enrolled or intend to enroll in college (2 or 4 year), trade schools or other education beyond high school.

#### **AVAILABILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Scholarship funds are available, for any of the following persons:

- High school seniors graduating between January 1 and June 30 of the 26-27 academic year.
- High school graduates who are enrolled or intend to enroll in education beyond high school,
- **Students of any age** continuing or returning to continue their education beyond high school.

The scholarship is to be used at any accredited college or university, community college, or trade/technical school. Recipients must be a Centennial UMC member or regular attendee or a relative of a Centennial UMC member or regular attendee. Multiple scholarships will be awarded each year.

This is a **renewable** scholarship. Students may apply for and receive a scholarship award for additional years in school or training. For example, you may receive an award for your freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years of college or for 2 years or more of a vocational program. You must apply for this scholarship each year and be enrolled.

#### **APPLICATION AND DUE DATE**

This simple application form (below: scroll down) may be obtained from the church office if you prefer a hard copy. The completed application package will include:

- a. The completed application form
- b. Your written responses to 2 short answer and 1 essay question
- c. Headshot photo (please send electronically to Marian)

The completed application package must be emailed, mailed, or delivered to the Centennial UMC office by **May 1, 2026**. **The easiest delivery is to send your completed application (a, b, & c) by email to: [marian.sheppard.lmft@gmail.com](mailto:marian.sheppard.lmft@gmail.com) (always text 916-806-1530 letting Marian know that you emailed the app; call Marian if you do not get a confirmation text or email).**

Another way to submit your application is by Mail or delivery:     ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
Centennial UMC  
5401 Freeport Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95822

Questions about applying for the scholarship may be directed to Marian Sheppard 916-806-1530 or [marian.sheppard.lmft@gmail.com](mailto:marian.sheppard.lmft@gmail.com) (If you email, please text me that you emailed so I don't miss it)

A committee will select the scholarship recipients. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by email by May 15, 2026. Certificates will be presented during a Centennial United Methodist Church worship service, **June 7, 2026**. The scholarship funds will be awarded to the selected recipients upon receipt of proof of enrollment.



**3. Short Answer Questions:** On a separate page, provide the following: (Do not exceed 250 words in answers a. and b. combined)

a. Describe your career plans, goals, objective, and any other information you feel would be valuable to the selection committee.

b. Describe the activities and ways in which you have provided service to school, community, and/or society. For example, this would include school service-related activities (any service you provide to others in your school) and volunteer service activities in the community. You may choose to describe other ways in which you have helped people or have demonstrated commitment to helping others. Use complete names of any organizations listed (no abbreviations).

**4. Essay Question:** On a separate page, write an essay answering the question below. (Do not exceed one page double-spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font.)

Describe one or more school or community service-related activities in which you have participated, or would like to participate in, and explain what you have learned (or would hope to learn) from the experience(s).

***Checklist:***

**Return all Application items by May 1, 2026**

\_\_\_ Completed application form

\_\_\_ Short Answer Responses to items 3a and 3b (no more than 250 words total)

\_\_\_ Essay Response to item 4 (no more than 250 words)

Email (preferred), Send or Deliver the Completed 2-part Application Package to:

Email: [marian.sheppard.lmft@gmail.com](mailto:marian.sheppard.lmft@gmail.com)

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