

Memorial Fund Committee
United Methodist Church of the Dunes
717 Sheldon Road
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Education Grant Application - Guide

Each year the United Methodist Church of the Dunes Memorial Fund Committee will consider applications for one-time Education Grants or Scholarships up to \$1,000 per applicant. Applications will be considered twice a year, in March and August. The following criteria apply:

1. The applicant should be a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, or a child/grandchild of a church member in regular attendance with the church member. Membership should be a minimum of 3 years.
2. Applications from church staff for continuing education will also be considered. See note 1.
3. Applications should include name, address and personal contact information.
4. Application should clearly identify the intended use of the Grant or Scholarship, ie proposed area of study or course-work, the college or institution providing the education etc.
5. Recommendation letter – at least one letter from a teacher or family friend (not a relative) in support of the application.
6. Personal essay. This should be of 300-500 words, and include:
 - a. Education goals and intended use of the grant/scholarship
 - b. How the grant/scholarship will support your goals
 - c. Your involvement in the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, and how the church has impacted your family life.
 - d. Accomplishments, personal characteristics and experience to support your application
 - e. Why you are a good candidate for a grant or scholarship.
7. Deadlines for applications are Feb 28th and July 31st each year. The Memorial Fund Committee will consider applications at their next meeting and provide a response within a month of the application deadline.
8. Applications should be sent to the above address, along with supporting documentation.
9. Questions relating to this should also be sent to the above address, for review by the Memorial Fund Committee.
10. Education Grants and Scholarship Funds will be sent directly to the institution providing the education. Recipients will be asked to provide information to the Memorial Fund Committee for directing payment to allow their account to be credited appropriately.

Note 1. Exceptionally, applications for continuing education may be reviewed quarterly by the Memorial Fund Committee. Membership requirement for Church Staff is waived.