



*Shedding God's  
Light  
in the City*

**First United Methodist Church**  
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Dear Counselor,

Each spring, First United Methodist Church of Michigan City offers a number of scholarships to deserving college students. Five of these awards are now available to community members outside of our congregation.

The Richard Presser Scholarship, named for the late local educator, is traditionally given to a graduating senior from Michigan City High School or Marquette Catholic High School. The Jean Kruse Educational Scholarship is offered to students pursuing a degree in elementary education. Those entering a nursing program may apply for the Mabel Rhoades Nursing Scholarship.

The Swinehart/ Bartholomew Arts Scholarship is designated for a student who has completed at least one year as a vocal music, instrumental music, theater, or visual arts major. While not available to members of the Class of 2022, Music or Art Department staff members may know of a former student who is eligible.

The final community scholarship, the Timberlake Scholarship, is open to the non-traditional student: a mother, at least 18 years of age, who is an active member of any recognized church, synagogue, or mosque.

For information, or to obtain an application via email, students may contact me at [susan.cassler@comcast.net](mailto:susan.cassler@comcast.net) or 219-362-1421.

Completed applications, plus the required essay, are to be emailed to me no later than **Thursday, May 5**. Scholarships will be awarded May 22, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Sincerely,

*Sue Cassler*

Sue Cassler, Chair  
Higher Education Committee  
First United Methodist Church

## **APPLICATION FORM -- 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Given by First United Methodist Church  
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Indicate below  all scholarships for which you are applying. Each award has its own set of requirements. Please select only those scholarships for which you qualify.

- Ernest & Mildred Delco Scholarship** (Endowment) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must be a member of this church.
- 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Endowment Scholarship** (Sponsored by the Endowment Committee) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must be a member of this church.
- Drs. M.D. & Russell Gardner Medical Scholarship** (Endowment) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must be a member of this church, majoring in medicine or related allied sciences.
- United Methodist Women's Scholarship** (Sponsored by the United Methodist Women) Given to one (1) female recipient. Applicant must be a member of this church.
- 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Member or Attendee Scholarship** (Church funded)  
Please indicate (✓) your affiliation with this church:  
\_\_\_\_ I am a First United Methodist Church member      \_\_\_\_ I attend First United Methodist Church
- Jean Kruse Educational Scholarship** (Endowment) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must be an elementary education major. Open to a community or church member.
- Mabel Rhoades Nursing Scholarship** (Endowment) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must be a enrolled in a nursing program. Open to a community or church member.
- Swinehart/Bartholomew Arts Scholarship** (Endowment) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must have completed one year (or more) as an arts major: vocal music, instrumental music, theater, or visual arts. Open to a LaPorte County resident or church member.
- Joan Thomas Timberlake & Diane Fike Timberlake Scholarship** (Endowment) Given to one (1) recipient. Applicant must be a mother, at least 18 years of age, and an active member of 1<sup>st</sup> UMC or any recognized church, synagogue, or mosque. Open to residents of LaPorte, Porter, or Berrien County.
- My house of worship: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of my child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_
- Richard Presser Scholarship** (Family funded) Open to a community or church member.

**I. Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Parent Information** (if applicable)

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**III. High School/College/Trade School Data** Major/Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

School You Now Attend \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College/Trade School You Will Attend \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Co-Curricular Activities & Community Involvement**

List School Activities/Clubs and Years as a Member

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List Community Organizations and Years as a Member

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**V. Essay**--Please attach a typewritten statement (minimum of 250 words) discussing your future goals and the means of achieving those goals. Include significant people and/or events that have influenced you.

Send your completed application + essay to **Sue Cassler** at [susan.cassler@comcast.net](mailto:susan.cassler@comcast.net)  
(Hard copies are to be scanned and emailed.)

\*\*\*All applications must be received on or before **Thursday, May 5, 2022**\*\*\*