



*a growing faith community
Equipping people for a growing relationship
with Jesus Christ to serve all.*

January 6, 2025

Dear Applicant,

Plainfield United Methodist Church is proud to offer a great scholarship opportunity for the continuing education of graduating high school students, the **Doris Stabler Scholarship**, for PUMC members and active participants.

Doris Stabler was an active member of PUMC. Her love of children and desire to promote continuing education led her to provide an endowment that would offer scholarships to PUMC students of good moral character and academic standing.

This year students meeting the criteria will be given an opportunity to earn up to \$3,000 for 2025-2026 tuition or educational expenses to any accredited, post-secondary educational institution. This may be applied to college, junior college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc.

Applications and information as described on the reverse side should be received in a sealed envelope addressed to Plainfield UMC, c/o Doris Stabler Scholarship Youth Advisory Ministry Panel (by mail or delivery in person) **in the church office no later than Sunday, March 30, 2025.** Recipients will be chosen based on the application's criteria and notified on/before Wednesday, April 16th.

Applicants must be members of PUMC and participate in a minimum of 6 church related activities in the year prior to completing an application. Examples of activities include: choir, usher, greeter, coffee hour host, attend worship (sign attendance pad), youth group, Sunday School, volunteer for fundraisers, Food Pantry, Big Serve, Mission Trip, serve communion, read scripture, etc. Applications will be reviewed by YMAP, which will determine scholarship awards.

On behalf of Plainfield United Methodist Church, and the Doris Stabler Scholarship, we encourage our graduating PUMC seniors to take advantage of this opportunity, and we wish each of you success in your continuing education and your faith journey.

Sincerely,

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Doris Stabler Scholarship
Youth Advisory Ministry Panel

Doris Stabler Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Wireless Carrier: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ High School: _____

Primary Post-Secondary Course of Instruction: _____

Name of Chosen Post-Secondary University/College/School/Institution, City & State:

In addition to the information above, applicants will provide the following:

A copy of your most recent senior **high school transcript**

A list of **church related activities** you have participated in during the previous year.

A **letter of recommendation** attesting to your good moral character from **any two** of the following who are not your relatives:

- teacher, coach, other faculty member, dean, counselor, community leader, employer, or other adult mentor

A **personal statement of at least 500 words** (that is, at least one full-page, typed, single-spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins), which includes information regarding:

- What “good moral character” means to you and how you have demonstrated this through volunteer work, good citizenship, and/or extra-curricular activities
- Your future goals
- Your involvement and spiritual journey as a member of PUMC

A **copy of the letter of acceptance** or other evidence of enrollment in the accredited, post-secondary educational institution you named above (university, college, junior college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc.)

*Scholarship funds will be paid directly to you by the end of February 2026. Please submit your first semester transcript or your second semester class schedule to the church office, as soon as you receive them. You bear all responsibility for applying the money to eligible expenses, such as tuition and course-related expenses (fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses. (See <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ch01.html>)

*** **Please make sure all documents and submissions include your name.** ***

Rev. Richard Wisdom, Senior Pastor

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