

First United Methodist Church Foundation Board Mission Statement:

“Direct funds toward initiatives that support personal enrichment of its church family and community, thus moving toward a more Christ-centered life.”

The Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarship Fund

- Funded by the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom Foundation
- All are eligible if a member or regular worshiper at the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom, a relative of a church attendee, or a youth regularly involved in activities associated with the church
- Applications can be obtained through the church office, on the information table in the back of church, electronically by contacting the church office, or on our website: www.lindstrommethodist.org
- Applications can be returned in person, or by US Mail. **Please do not email completed applications.**
- Applications will be evaluated by the Foundation team members and awarded on need and merit. A detailed, thoughtful application will influence the final evaluation and selection. Please be as specific as possible.
- **NOTE: A copy of your most recent high school or post-secondary transcript MUST be submitted with the application**

Dates to remember:

April 28th, 2026: Scholarship applications will be available online at lindstrommethodist.org or in the Church Office.

June 5th 2026 (Deadline): All applications must be received. ***Applications received after this date will not be considered.***

Early July 2026: Recipients will be notified.

July 19th 2026: Awarding of Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships during church service.

Any additional questions; Church Office: office@lindstrommethodist.org, phone: 651-257-4306

**The Rev. John C. Blackford
Scholarship Fund**

Application for Scholarship Consideration

Date _____

Name in full _____

Current mailing address _____

Phone _____ Parents' Names _____

Of what church are you affiliated? _____

Address of church _____

Pastor's name _____

Pastor's phone number _____

Name of post-secondary institution you plan to attend or are attending

Have you received a Foundation Scholarship Award prior to this application? ___yes ___no

Please note your association to First United Methodist Church:

Education Background:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Name & Location of School</u>	<u>Course or Major</u>	<u>Years Attended</u>	<u>Average Grade</u>	<u>Name of Dean or Advisor</u>
High School	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Post- Secondary Institution(s)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: *A copy of your most recent high school or post-secondary transcript must be submitted with this application. If less than a year of post-secondary has been completed, please include High School transcript.*

Estimate your expenses for the coming school year:

Tuition: _____

Books: _____

Food/Lodging: _____

Loan Payment: _____

Other (itemize): _____

Total School Year: _____

Indicate amount of funds available from the sources below: *

** Estimate if necessary*

Personal earnings: _____

Other Financial support: _____

Scholarship(s): _____

Grant(s): _____

Loan(s): _____

Other: _____

Total Funds available: _____

For each of the following questions, please respond in paragraph form, providing supportive details. Additional sheets may be used as needed.

Please explain in detail your financial needs:

Please indicate your future education plans including the reasons for choosing this career and ways in which you expect to be of service to mankind (you may use additional sheets if necessary):

List your church, school, and community service (past and present):

What specifically have you been involved with at FUMC?

What are your hobbies and interests?

*Submit completed application **in person** to the church office or **mail** to:*

*First United Methodist Church Foundation
P.O. Box 688
Lindstrom, MN 55045*

Revised 4/2026