

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

## Soapstone United Methodist Church

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Please complete and return to the above address (**Attn: Scholarship Team**) by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. A personal interview may be scheduled at the discretion of the Scholarship Team.

*\*Please note: this application is to be filled out completely and signed on the back*

### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY:

All information provided in this application shall be held in strict confidence and used only to determine whether to accept or deny the request for financial assistance.

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### Purpose

The Soapstone United Methodist Church (SUMC) College Scholarship is established to recognize and support active church members pursuing higher education. Recipients are selected based on faith involvement, service, and character.

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### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an active member of Soapstone United Methodist Church.
  - Be one of the following:
    - Be a high school senior planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college, university, technical school, or certificate program for the 2026–2027 academic year.
    - Be currently enrolled in a United Methodist affiliated university in good standing and planning to attend in the 2026-2027 academic year.
  - Submit a completed application by **April 15, 2026**.
  - Submit a **current photo** of yourself.
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### Application Checklist

Please include all the following materials with your application:

- Completed Application Form by April 15, 2026

Letter of Recommendation (from a teacher, pastor, counselor, or community leader)

Current photo

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

Zip

3. Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

5. Father's (or guardian's) Full Name and Address

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

6. Mother's (or guardian's) Full Name and Address

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH AFFILIATION:**

1. Indicate the church activities you participated in below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday Worship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Domestic Mission Team</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday School</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Mission Team</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UMYF</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set in Stone</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drive through Nativity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth Hand Bells</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pine Straw Volunteer (spreading/delivery)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pilgrimage</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery worker/volunteer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refresh</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacation Bible School Volunteer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conference Events: Kaleidoscope/Breakaway/etc.</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shrove Tuesday Volunteer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Youth Council</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Youth Sunday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Other</li> </ul>

3. Choose one of the selected activities above and explain how it has meaningfully impacted your faith journey.

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4. Write a narrative describing your participation at Soapstone United Methodist Church and explain how your involvement has supported your faith development, commitment to service, and connection to the church community.

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5. Describe any leadership roles held in church activities:

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6. Indicate volunteer work, leadership roles, or extracurricular activities in your **school** or **community**.

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SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

1. Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address of school: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Projected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Anticipated school you will be attending after high school:

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, pastor, or mentor who can speak to your character, leadership, or faith journey.

**CERTIFICATION:**

To be good stewards of our church's resources, the Soapstone UMC Scholarship Committee requests that if a student withdraws from school and receives a refund, they return the Scholarship funds received to the Soapstone Scholarship Fund.

I certify that the foregoing information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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