We are pleased to announce and invite applications for the 2017–18 Divinity Scholarships available from Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation. These scholarships jointly honor Rev. Marlen Johnson, Centennial’s first pastor, and Dr. Harry Kitts, charter member of Centennial and a noted agricultural educator. The purpose of the Johnson-Kitts Memorial Scholarship Fund is to provide financial support to those who are in formal education to enter Christian ministry on a full-time, professional basis. The Divinity Scholarship Fund also includes two more awards, the Rosa Krogh Scholarship and Hal Routhe Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 1971. We anticipate awarding six to eight scholarships for $2,500 - $5,000.

To be considered for a scholarship, the applicant should meet the following criteria:
- Be enrolled on September 1, 2017 in a seminary or graduate school listed by the University Senate per The Book of Discipline.
- Show professional promise and commitment to Christian ministry.
- Show financial need for this scholarship.
- State his or her intention to serve in the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

To be eligible for consideration, a completed application, plus certified transcript and three letters of reference must be received by November 1, 2017. If you applied for the scholarship last year, please contact us about what you need to update in your application.

You will be notified of your award status in early December. The scholarships will be awarded during morning worship at Centennial Church on December 17. If you are awarded a scholarship, we will request you join us at one of the morning worship services and to make a brief response for the presentation; however, this is not a requirement for full consideration for a scholarship.

Please send the complete scholarship application, transcript and letters of reference to:
Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee
1524 W. County Road C-2
Roseville, MN 55113-1600
Telephone: (651) 633-7644

Questions may be addressed to Marvin Bauer, scholarship committee coordinator, by e-mail (mbauer@umn.edu) or phone (651-731-6216).
Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation

DIVINITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For Full-Time Christian Ministry

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

1. Applicant Name ____________________________________________________________
   (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Single ______ Married ______ Date of Birth _________________________________

3. Mailing Address __________________________________________________________
   (Street, City, State, Zip) Phone __________

4. E-mail Address __________________________________________________________

5. Number of Dependents (including yourself) ____________

6. Permanent Address _______________________________________________________
   (Street, City, State, Zip) Phone __________

7. Name of Seminary or Graduate School in which scholarship will be used:
   ________________________________
   (Name) (Location)

   Have you been admitted to this school? Yes ______ No ______

8. Entry Date into Seminary or Graduate School ________________________________

9. Expected Graduation Date _____________________________ (Month, Year)

10. Degree(s) Sought ____________________ Intended Vocation ___________________

11. Seminary Level Fall 2017 academic year _________________________________

12. If now attending another college, give name and location _____________________

13. List colleges or schools previously attended and degrees received:

   _______________________________________________________________________

   _______________________________________________________________________

14. Name and address of church where you are a member _________________________

   History of church activity ________________________________________________

   Pastor’s name and phone number _________________________________________
15. What is your relationship to the Minnesota Annual Conference? Please check one.
   ➡️ Inquiring Candidate
   ➡️ Declared Candidate for Licensing or Ordination
   ➡️ Certified Candidate
   ➡️ Other (Explain) _________________________________________________

16. Are you presently employed? ______  If so, who is your present employer?

Name of Employer       Address       City       State       Zip
_____________________________________________________________________________________

17. In a narrative or essay, please describe your Plans and Goals for Christian Ministry, including:

   A. A Personal Statement describing your experience, personal abilities and qualities that you believe will help you be effective in your chosen service.
   B. Your Future Plans and Goals, position(s) you foresee being employed in after graduation, and reasons for choosing this career.
   C. Your Previous Involvement in the Ministry of Your Local Church and other church-related work and/or volunteer experience.

18. Estimated Income and Expenses for the 2017–2018 academic year. Please attach to your application a letter stating why you need a scholarship. Include the sources of income, expenses, including, tuition, living, travel, and other expenses, and special circumstances. Applications will not be reviewed without this information.

19. Reference Letters. Please request three professional references (e.g., pastor, professor, employer, or supervisor; not relatives)) to write recommendation letters addressing the scholarship criteria and send them to:

    Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee
    1524 West County Road C-2
    Roseville, Minnesota 55113

    They may alternatively send their letter as an e-mail attachment to: lschuler@centennialumc.org

20. Transcript. Please submit a certified transcript from the academic institution you are attending or from the last one you attended.

Application Deadline is November 1, 2017.

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Signature                                             Date

Scholarship Grants will be made by check payable to the school named herein and the recipient of the scholarship.

Send completed application to:
Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation Scholarship Committee
1524 W. County Road C-2, Roseville, MN 55113-1600

Or, e-mail to:
Lisa Schuler (lschuler@centennialumc.org)