“Being a United Methodist Youth Leader Scholar has given me so many opportunities to serve others, grow in leadership, and meet amazing people. The Christian Vocations & Formation classes I have taken offered me so many different ways to grow deeper in my faith.” —Laura Steed ’08

“Being a UMYL scholar helped me adjust to college life and gave me a community of Christians to support me throughout my years at Ulndy.” —Hilary Conklin ’07
Students like Hilary Conklin '07, Laura Steed '08, Ben Freeman '08, and Anjuli Smith '09 are thriving as United Methodist Youth Leader Scholars at the University of Indianapolis, where they have the opportunity to become immersed in practices of enriched Christian life. Students who enroll in the UMYL Scholar program receive vocation exploration and leadership development opportunities, in a context of intensive mentoring, that prepare them for service as future clergy and lay leaders in the United Methodist Church.

We invite you to participate in this partnership in which the University of Indianapolis helps the United Methodist Church in Indiana to cultivate a “culture of call” that will raise up a new generation of leaders for the church.

A new named annual scholarship has been established through the University’s Annual Fund, dedicated to the UMYL Scholars program.

The University of Indianapolis embraces the development of the entire student, making sure each grows personally, professionally, and spiritually. Because of the University’s commitment to providing opportunities for faith formation, and in recognition of the needs of the United Methodist Church in Indiana to call forth a new generation of leaders for the church, we have created this new annual scholarship program.

How does it work?

- An annual gift of $2,500 can be designated to the United Methodist Youth Leadership Scholarship, as the named annual scholarship is described in the enclosed brochure.
- This scholarship will carry the name of the organization or individual sponsoring the scholarship.
- The student will receive $2,000 scholarship to help offset college expenses.
- The student will receive an additional $500 in materials, trips, special lectures, and other opportunities not usually afforded to most of the University’s students.
- Gift commitments can be made for from one to four years.

What will be expected of the student?

- Enroll in at least one Christian vocations course each year.
- Participate in a mentoring program offered by the University chaplains.
- Regularly participate in the life of a United Methodist congregation.
- Become involved in one or more Christian ministries on campus.
- Explore ministry opportunities offered by the United Methodist Church.
- Annually evaluate and assess the program and the experience it provides.
- Meet or communicate with and thank the sponsoring organization annually.

What do we expect of our student after graduation?

Expect your student to make contributions to leadership in local churches in Indiana. Some will seek ministry positions as clergy or laypersons within the United Methodist Church. For example, graduates of our youth ministry training program could take positions immediately following graduation. Others will go on to enroll in graduate school programs emphasizing Christian education or enroll in seminary at a United Methodist theological school. All will live a lifestyle that reflects Christian values and is an example for others to follow.

Questions regarding the United Methodist Youth Leader Scholarships should be directed to Dr. Michael Cartwright, (317) 788-3233 or mcartwright@uindy.edu. Please make your checks payable to the University of Indianapolis, and, in the memo line, designate it for the United Methodist Youth Leader Scholarships. All gifts to the UMYL Scholars Program should be sent to:

United Methodist Youth Leader Scholars
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