

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

The Graduate Educational Scholarship is for women pursuing a related vocation within the church, whether it is in parish ministry, as a deaconess, in Christian Education, or in a related field.

The following is a brief list of requirements for the applicant:

1. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited Graduate School.
2. The applicant must reside within Northern Illinois Conference.
3. The applicant must demonstrate a financial need for assistance.
4. The applicant must supply a copy of their recent Student Transcript with the application.
5. The applicant must include a 200-word essay describing their background and educational pursuits.
6. The applicant may reapply for a scholarship if a change in circumstances can be demonstrated.
 - If eligible for an additional year, applicant must submit a current transcript and a 200-word essay stating qualifications for the award.
7. The determination rests with the Scholarship Committee of United Women in Faith, NIC.

Please return the completed application by **September 15, 2026** for consideration to:

Wesley United Methodist Church
United Women in Faith - NIC
Attn: Ms. Lillye Hart, Treasurer
201 E. 95th Street
Chicago, IL 60619

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hart at (708) – 765-9333