

*Hiss United Methodist Church Student Award
Application 2024-2025*

This award is provided through an endowment fund from Hiss United Methodist Church. The award is open to **active members of Hiss United Methodist Church or active members of LABeL Youth Group or Cornerstone Young Adult Group** who plan to attend college or continue undergraduate/graduate work in 2024-2025.

In order that you be considered for the award, you must:

- complete the application,
- submit it with **two letters of recommendation**
 - One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher or professor from the past 2 years of your education
 - The other can be a personal recommendation
 - **These MUST be new letters not previously submitted to us** and
- include a copy of your most recent report card /semester grades
- All forms should be sent to the church office or electronic copies may be forwarded to Julie Cody at jcody726@gmail.com
- All parts of the application should be submitted at one time.** The only exception is that letters of recommendation may be sent electronically directly from the teacher, professor, etc. Forms sent electronically should be sent to the church office at office@hisschurch.org. The deadline to submit a completed application is **July 1, 2024**.

If you have applied for this award in the past, the essay submitted **MUST** be different from the previous essay and relevant to your current life. Applicants will be notified by **August 1, 2024** of the amount of the award. The amount of the award is dependent on funds available and the number of applicants.

Interested applicants should contact the church office or look for the application form on the church website at www.hisschurch.org (In the groups tab). Questions regarding the application may be sent to the church office and you will be contacted by phone or email with a response.

REMEMBER: Please submit the application, your essay, transcripts, and letters of recommendation at one time. Deadline: July 1, 2024.

Hiss United Methodist Church
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Please complete all information to the best of your knowledge.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Last Name

First Name

Current Address, including zip code (An address for August 1 2024, when awards will be mailed. If unsure, give your parent's address.)

Phone Number _____ Email Address: _____

High School from which you graduated (or are graduating this year) and year of graduation, Please ignore this question if you are an adult returning to school after several or more years.

College level in Fall 2024 (Freshman, sophomore, etc.)

List the college/university which you expect to attend in September 2024 or if you are continuing your college education list the college or university which you are attending. If you are transferring colleges/universities, please identify both your present school as well as the school that you will be attending in September 2024.

Are you a member of Hiss United Methodist Church?

Circle one Yes No If yes, Year of confirmation _____

Church Activities (Please identify all years of involvement.)

NOTE: Definition of Active Member of a group means that you attend regularly, not sporadically and are actively involved in the group's activities.

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Active Member of LABeL Youth Group or Cornerstone Young Adult Group
Verification by Youth Leader/Cornerstone Coordinator
(Signature required)_____

COMMENTS

Active Member of Hearts on Fire Choir / Chancel Choir
Verification by Choir Director (Signature required)_____

COMMENTS

Active Member of Hiss Senior High Sunday School Class (2024 high school graduates only)
Verification by SS Teacher (Signature required)_____

COMMENTS

Active Member of any Hiss Church Committee
Verification by Pastor or Committee Chair (Signature required)_____

COMMENTS

Other Hiss Church Activities or College or University Activities

For those living in the area: Do you **regularly** attend worship services at Hiss or online?

Circle One: Yes No

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For those presently in college (not living in the Parkville area): Do you attend any religious services or are you involved in Christian activities on your college campus? Please explain.

High School or College/University Activities and Awards

Include Athletics, School Publications (Yearbook, Newspaper, Magazines), Vocal and Instrumental Musical Groups, Student Government, Honor Societies, Others as you see fit. If you are currently in college/university, include only activities since high school graduation. High School students should include all activities in grades 9- 12.

Activities

YEAR(S)

Community Service

If you have applied in previous years, list only community service hours completed since that time. List your Community Service. Community Service does not have to be church related. If you are a **high school senior**, please include service in grades 9 -12.

Service Venue

Service Dates

Number of Hours

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Please list (print) a parent or guardian name and his/her contact information (phone # or email address). This is only needed for situations when the awards committee is unable to contact you.

Parent Name : _____ Parent Phone Number: _____
Parent Email: _____

**It is expected that the award be used toward your educational expenses.
In Christian Faith, all the statements on this application are true and correct.**

NAME (printed) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Attach an essay (typed) which includes the following information:

For graduating high school seniors only:

1. Please describe how God is working in your life. Tell us how you plan to maintain a relationship with Him as you progress with your education.

For everyone, including high school seniors:

- 1.) Tell us about a personal follower of Christ in your life that inspires you. Tell us why they inspire you. How do they resemble what it means to be a Christian? How can you be more like them in your faith journey? What have you learned from them?
- 2.) A statement expressing why you need this award.
- 3.) Optional: Any information that you think the Hiss Award Committee should know about you that has not been covered elsewhere.

There is no word limit, but please do a thorough job and use this time to really reflect on your life and your future plans/goals. **Reminder- do NOT use previous year's essay.

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Please note that ALL of the required items MUST be submitted in order to be eligible for this award.

Checklist before you submit:

1. Application is filled out to the best of your ability with no missing information.
2. Letter of recommendation from a current teacher/professor, or one from the past school year is included. These MUST be new letters not previously submitted to us.
3. Personal letter of recommendation from someone outside of your family or friend group is included.
4. An official copy of current/year-end grades is included.
5. Essay is attached and written to the extent that it adequately answers each question thoughtfully.