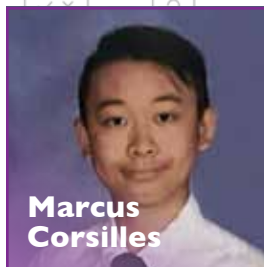




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Educational Scholarships 2025

By Michelle Vaughan with Collin Ikeda, Joan Sato Hernandez, Rachel Ono-Lim, Emi Suzuki, Joel Ing, Joey Ing, and Rev. Karen Yokota Love

The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church through supporting a multitude of educational opportunities. We are proud to have helped students in their pursuit of continuing education since 1968. We encourage **all** applicants; from those just entering their next phase of education to those returning to complete or pursue continued education.

We are blessed to offer these scholarships under the following criteria:

Vera Ing Community College/Trade School Scholarship

Established in 2016. Award(s) will be made to those pursuing continued education through community colleges and/or technical/trade schools. **Other Eligibility Opportunities/**

Community Based Internships: There is also opportunity for a scholarship to support an internship for a nonprofit or community organization.

Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to a college undergraduate and/or graduate student pursuing a degree in Engineering, Mathematics, Nursing, Science, Technology or related fields of study.

Blaine Memorial Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors, community college, technical/trade school, and/or college undergraduate or graduate student.

Yasuda Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors or college undergraduate.



The Vera Ing Scholarship

The Vera Ing Scholarship has been established to recognize Vera's accomplishments and give a hand up to those with similar circumstances and passion. Vera was a go-getter, a doer, always engaged in what she set her mind to. When her three children were in grade school, Vera started her college education to quench her thirst for learning more. She attended North Seattle Community College where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. She then attended the University of Washington and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning. Vera served on the board of the North Seattle Community College Foundation from 1990 until 1999. She was the board chair from 1994-1997. Vera was the first distinguished alumna in 2002, when the annual award was created. Vera was a strong leader in her community and at Blaine Memorial UMC. She was active in Seattle's International District and in the city since the 1960's. It was important for Vera to give back to the community. This scholarship was awarded to an individual who exemplifies Vera's passion of continuing education to give back and better the community they serve.



Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship

The Robert S. Sato scholarship was established in 2010 at the time of his passing. It was amended in 2024 to include Lucy Y. Sato at the time of her passing.

Bob was born in Firwood, Washington. In 1942, as America entered the Second World War, Bob and his family were forcibly incarcerated at Minidoka in Hunt Idaho. There, he finished high school, and was drafted to ultimately serve in the 100th Battalion/442 RCT. A licensed professional Civil engineer by trade, he earned his degree in civil engineering at the University of Washington. Bob spent most of his career at the Army Corps of Engineers, rising to the position of Assistant Chief of Design Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a leader in the Seattle Japanese American community, serving as President of the Seattle Chapter JACL in 1986, Commander, Nisei Veterans Committee, as well as multiple committees at Blaine Memorial UMC.

Lucy was born in Seattle, Washington. She and her family were also incarcerated at Minidoka. She completed her Nursing education in Philadelphia at the Cadet Nursing Program. Lucy worked at the Jackson Chevalier Clinic, she then joined the US Public Health Service. She later joined Harborview in the Partial Hospitalization Program and provided mental health nursing for Asian immigrants at ACRS. Lucy's love for travel and generosity took her on many Mission trips with the Jubilate Choir including Zimbabwe, Africa and Brazil. She volunteered much of her time at Blaine and sang in the Choir.

Bob and Lucy were always a beacon of light for their family, friends and community. Their focus on lifelong learning and application of knowledge has been instilled in their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and through the scholarship awarded in their name.



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Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

Having arrived at a milestone in their lives – their retirement in 1987 – Ted and Margaret Yasuda established a scholarship at Blaine Memorial UMC, returning this gift to God in gratitude for all the blessings they have received in their lives. It was their hope that in this way, others may be helped and encouraged as their children were. When the scholarship established, Ted and Margaret wrote, “Education has been very important to us. As our father said to us during World War II, education of Japanese Americans when we lost everything, ‘put education and knowledge into your head...no one can take that

away from you.” Margaret Yasuda graduated from Garfield High School and was interned at Minidoka Internment Camp during World War II. Leaving Minidoka to attend Seton Nursing School in Colorado, Mrs. Yasuda was a member of the Nisei Cadet Nurses of World War II. She received her Bachelors of Science in nursing from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. She received her degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of Washington. Mrs. Yasuda was a nurse with the King County Public Health Department where she worked in the well-baby clinic, on travel immunizations and the visiting nurse division. She married Ted Yasuda in 1950 and they were blessed with 58 years of marriage. Mrs. Yasuda passed away in 2009. Ted Yasuda was interned at Minidoka and served in the 442nd RCT. Mr. Yasuda attended the University of Washington, graduating with a degree in Eastern Asian History and a Masters Degree in Librarianship. Mr. Yasuda worked for Boeing for over 30 years as a Technical Librarian. Mr. Yasuda enjoys gardening, photography, and coming to church. He served as Financial Secretary at Blaine for many years, was involved with Boy Scout Troop 55 and was instrumental in the building of Blaine Memorial UMC at our present site.





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Marcus Corsilles

Thank you, Blaine, for giving me your support during this school year. I would also like to thank the Scholarship Committee for giving students like me the opportunity to continue our education. With this scholarship, I hope to pay for my classes in order to get a degree in history at the University of Washington. Once again, thank you Blaine for all of your support, and I hope you continue to support me as I enter college.

Emma Hearn

To my Blaine community. Thank you for the endless love and support you have given to me these past 11 years. I am so grateful to call Blaine my second home. I plan on using this scholarship towards my tuition at the University of Michigan where I will be studying Public Health these next four years. Thank you for your prayers as I move into this next chapter. I love and appreciate you all!

Aidan Lew

I'd like to once again thank the Blaine UMC community and scholarship committee for their commitment and support of my academic journey. Blaine has been an integral part of my life growing up for me and my family. It continues to be a space where I can grow in my faith, lead others, and connect with my local community. I've become a stronger student and leader through the support and guidance that those at Blaine have given me. I will continue to work diligently to make the Blaine congregation proud and strive to be the best student and follower of God that I can.

Katelyn Nakase

Thank you, Blaine community, for supporting me throughout this journey and throughout my life, it is deeply appreciated. I will be attending The University of Utah, in Salt Lake City, Utah. I plan on studying Psychology with a minor in Sociology. I plan on using this award to help support my education this upcoming school year. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Lynne Onishi

Hi, Blaine Memorial UMC! Thank you for supporting me in my education and in my call to ministry. I will begin my second year of studies at the Claremont School of Theology in August, where I'll continue my work toward a Master of Divinity degree. I'm beyond grateful for your support, encouragement, and prayers! And I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of the family of Vera Ing, the family of Bob and Lucy Sato, and the people of this congregation! These scholarship funds truly make a difference for me, as they will go toward my tuition and housing this year.

Lawrence Paltep

Hello, Blaine Memorial Family! Thank you so much for awarding me the Blaine Memorial Scholarship and for your ongoing support in my life! I directed Blaine Youth Group with Lynne Onishi from 2018-2023. In those years, I've also been involved with counseling, directing, and adult staffing at Asian Camp and the Junior High Camp. At Seattle Pacific University, this past year I started and completed a certification program in Faith Formation. I am now working towards the Master of Divinity and Marriage & Family Therapy Dual Degree Program. My goal is to be a hospital chaplain, practicing the integration of spiritual and mental wellness for those in need. This award is so important to me because it alleviates the costs of theology course books and part of my tuition. Also, because I am receiving this award from the church, Seattle Pacific University is willing to match and provide an extra scholarship of up to \$500. This funding will go a long way in this upcoming school year, and within my seminary journey. Blaine Memorial, I am deeply grateful to be one of your recipients. Thank you!

Nathan Park

Thank you so much to the Blaine community! I will be attending the University of California, Santa Cruz this fall, and will be majoring in Marine Biology. The scholarship will go towards my tuition, books, and class fees. I am grateful for all of your love and support.

Mariko Ronan

Dear Blaine Family, it is with sincerest gratitude that I would like to thank you all, the Blaine congregation, and the family of Bob and Lucy Sato for the incredibly generous scholarship I have received. Beginning this August, I will be entering my first year at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. It is with your support that I am able to begin working towards my goal of becoming a pediatrician. This scholarship will not only help me cover the costs of all my necessary supplies, but also reminds me that I have a community in my corner. Medical school is a long journey, so it is a blessing to receive such generous support from the place and people I call home.

Blaine is one of the foundational reasons I am pursuing medicine today. My ministry with Blaine taught me to love my neighbors, to cherish the lives of those around me and to extend God's love to all his people. The faith this community nurtured inspires me to find ways to be of service to the world. I hope to serve as a physician in safety net clinics, providing care to those who need it most. So, thank you for all you do to support the students of Blaine. We would not be able to pursue these dreams without each and every one of you.



Edwin Santos

As a student at Shoreline Community College, I am entering my final quarter. While I will complete the Honda PACT Program in Automotive Technology on August 20th, I will be taking three additional courses this quarter to fulfill the requirements for my Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences (AAAS) degree. During this time, I will also participate in a study abroad program alongside fellow students from colleges across Washington State, in partnership with Miyazaki Municipal University. Through this program, I will be studying Japanese, Art Appreciation, and Business Mathematics. I am deeply grateful to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church for its unwavering support. Your encouragement, guidance, and generosity have played a meaningful role in my academic journey. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to the Vera Ing family for helping make this opportunity possible. The Blaine Memorial and Vera Ing Scholarships will help cover the cost of my textbooks and meals while abroad. I truly appreciate the financial support and commitment from everyone who has contributed to these scholarships. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support as I pursue my academic and professional goals.

Allyson Sofronas

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your generosity and continued support as I pursue my education. I'm excited to share that I've been accepted into the Industrial Design program at the University of Washington. I'm currently working toward my degree and will be entering my sophomore year this fall. Your encouragement has meant so much to me, and I'm deeply grateful for the role you've played in helping me reach this point.

Malia Yamamoto

I will be starting medical school at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, IL. I am so grateful for all of the love I have received from my Blaine family over the years and that I will continue to feel as I pursue a graduate degree. I would like to give a special thank you to the Sato family for their continued support so that I am able to pursue my dreams. As I move forward with my education and eventually my career, I endeavor to give back to the community and offer the care that has been shown to me to the next generation. I look forward to seeing you all again soon!