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About Our 2026 Educational Scholarships

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The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church by providing a variety of educational opportunities. We are proud to have helped students pursue continuing education since 1968. We encourage all eligible applicants to apply, from those entering the next phase of their education to those returning to complete or continue their studies. We are blessed to offer the following scholarships:

- *Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship*
- *Vera Ing Scholarship*
- *Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship*
- *Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship*



Blaine Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior, community college student, technical or trade school student, and/or college undergraduate or graduate student.



Vera Ing Community College/Trade School Scholarship

Established in 2016, the scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing continuing education through community colleges and/or technical or trade schools. Other Eligibility Opportunities/Community-Based Internships: A scholarship may also be awarded to support an internship with a nonprofit or community organization.



Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to a college undergraduate and/or graduate student pursuing a degree in engineering, mathematics, nursing, science, technology or a related field of study.



Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or college undergraduate student.

Michelle Vaughan serves as scholarship chair for Blaine Memorial UMC.



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Our Scholarship Recipients for 2026!



Marcus Corsilles

Thank you, Blaine, for your support during this school year. The support and sense of community you have given me have motivated me to continue to succeed. Thank you as well to the Scholarship Committee for giving students like me the opportunity to continue our education.

I also want to thank the Yasuda family for providing scholarship opportunities to those of us beginning our college careers. I plan to use these scholarship funds to help pay for my next quarter of college as I work toward a degree in history.

Once again, thank you, Blaine, for all your support. I hope you will continue to support me throughout my college journey.



Emma Hearn

It has been a privilege to grow up in this community for the past 12 years and to call Blaine my home church. Thank you for the support and love you continue to show me, even though I am attending college out of state. Whenever I visit home during my breaks, your warmth and curiosity about my life at school remind me that I have a loving community in Seattle.

This scholarship will help my family with tuition at the University of Michigan, where I will be entering my second year and studying public health.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support. I love and appreciate you all!



Aidan Lew

I would like to thank the Blaine Scholarship Committee for awarding me the Blaine UMC Scholarship for the 2026-27 school year. This church community has been integral to my transition into adult life.

Throughout my time at the University of Washington, I have been able to learn so much about myself and strengthen my connection with God through the fellowships and clubs I have joined. Receiving this scholarship supports me in my academic pursuits, as well as my continued professional development through the Foster School of Business and extracurricular student organizations focused on growing my faith and continuing my path with God.

I will continue to do my best to make you all proud.



Lynne Onishi

Thank you once again for your support as I enter my third year of the Master of Divinity program at Claremont School of Theology. I want to extend an especially big thank you to the Ing and Sato families for your kind and generous support. The scholarship funds will go toward my tuition, housing and books this year.

You all have been an integral part of my ministry journey. I am grateful and blessed to be part of this community, which has continually helped me grow in my leadership. I praise God for your love and encouragement, which have nurtured my faith during this challenging phase of seminary and vocational discernment.



Allyson Sofronas

I want to thank you for the pivotal role you have played in my faith journey and for your support throughout this past academic year. I am also thankful for helping me stay grounded and grow closer to God. I want to express my gratitude to the Yasuda family, as well as the Blaine congregation.

This fall, I will be entering my junior year, where I will continue working toward my degree in industrial design and a minor in business at the University of Washington.

Again, thank you for your continued support and generosity. I am incredibly grateful for your guidance and support as I continue my education.



Malia Yamamoto

I will be attending Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science for my second year of medical school. I would like to thank everyone for all the support you have shown me over the past few years as I have worked toward my goal of attending medical school.

In particular, I would like to thank the Sato family for their support as I enter this upcoming school year. With your help, I will be able to continue learning and growing. I hope that one day I can return all the care and love you have shown me.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!