

LOIS BALSLEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021

Lois Balsley was a tiny woman (she was only 4'11" tall) with a big heart. She had a passion for education, young people, social justice, world travel and good music. In establishing the Lois Balsley Living Trust, she left all her worldly goods to the California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation. The Foundation Board of Directors decided a portion of Lois's legacy would be used to establish the Lois Balsley Scholarship Fund.

FOR 2021 ONLY, considering the pandemic and the extra pressure that it has put on students and families, the GPA requirement has been lowered from 3.0 to 2.5 for applicants for this scholarship. Furthermore, the Foundation will be placing a greater emphasis on need, in addition to the ongoing requirement of evidence of commitment to higher education.

The Foundation Board of Directors has determined that **six selected students will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship**. While all are welcome to apply, due to limited funds, only one student per church will be eligible for a scholarship. Preference is given to a student from Torrance First United Methodist Church.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Graduating high school senior enrolling in a two- or four-year college or vocational school
- Community and/or school involvement
- Active service/membership in a local United Methodist Church

HOW TO APPLY:

1. **The completed application form must be typed** and submitted with the following documents:
 - a. A copy of your unofficial high school transcript including your GPA.
 - b. A letter of recommendation from someone other than your parent/guardian, who has experience working with you through church, a school activity, or job.
 - c. A letter of recommendation from your Pastor.
 - d. Two short answer responses (maximum of 250 words each) to questions as indicated on page 3.
2. Completed applications may be emailed as a PDF document to Nia Bailey: **NBailey@cpumf.org** or via US Postal Service to **CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION, PO BOX 2590, PASADENA, CA 91102-2590**.
3. When your application is received, we will e-mail you a confirmation of receipt.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF:

1. ***It is late*** – Application and supporting documents must be emailed or **postmarked by April 16, 2021**.
2. ***It is incomplete*** – Applications must be filled out and sent with **ALL** supporting documentation.
3. ***You do not meet all the qualifications listed above.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 16, 2021 – Application postmark deadline. May 17, 2021– Scholarship recipients will be notified

QUESTIONS?

Contact Nia Bailey with any questions during this process, by email at **nbailey@cpumf.org**.

2.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name First M.I. Last

Address

City Zip Phone Number

Email Address (REQUIRED)

Church Name Cal-Pac Conference District

Church Address

City Zip Church Phone Number

Cumulative GPA:

Name of ONE College You Plan to Attend

Proposed Field of Study

While scholarships are not awarded solely based on financial need, it is a factor that the scholarship committee will consider. Please indicate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

\$ _____

3.

Short Answer Responses

Directions

In the space provided on page 4 and page 5, please answer the following questions. Limit your responses to each question to a maximum of 250 words.

- 1) **ONE** of the eight possible Personal Insight Questions (PIQ) from the University of California application (maximum of 250 words) **AND**
- 2) Describe how you and your family have been affected by the pandemic regarding the health of family members, family cohesiveness, work situations and school attendance (maximum of 250 words per question).

Eight Possible Personal Insight Questions from the University of California application, to choose from are as follows:

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for a Lois Balsley Scholarship.

4.

Question #1-Short Answer

Please include your response to one of the eight possible Personal Insight Questions (PIQ) from the University of California application (maximum of 250 words).

Please indicate which PIQ question you have selected in the space below:

5.

Question #2-Short Answer

Describe how you and your family have been affected by the pandemic regarding the health of family members, family cohesiveness, work situations and school attendance (maximum of 250 words per question).

6. Community and or School Involvement

Community Service & Volunteering	School Years	Hours/Weeks	Organization & Positions/Responsibilities
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Extracurricular Activities	School Years	Hours/Weeks	Description
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
School Clubs	School Years	Hours/Weeks	Positions/Responsibilities
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
Cultural/Travel Experiences	School Years	Dates	Description
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
Leadership Positions	School Years	Organization/Activity & Positions/Responsibilities	
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
Employment	School Years	Hours per week	Place of Employment & Positions/Responsibilities
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
Recognition, Honors & Awards	School Years	Organization/Activity & Description of Award	
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
	9 10 11 12		
Additional Information or Experiences			

7.

I certify that all information provided on this application and all supporting documents are accurate and complete. I understand that any misleading or false information will result in my application being disqualified. If selected as a scholarship winner, I give full consent for the use of my name and photograph to be used for promotional and publicity purposes. I understand that the decision of the California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Committee is final.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____