



## Isabelle Purnell Scholarship

The Isabelle Purnell Scholarship fund was established in 2009 in memory of Isabelle Purnell. She was a descendant of the Herriott and Rayburn families from her mother's side, and the Scott and Purnell families from her father's side. After farming in Michigan for a few years, her family returned to Mahomet. Their farm was east of Mahomet on Route 150 where the current McDonald's restaurant is located. Isabelle had many hobbies and interests, but one in particular, was gathering facts and writing a book on the history of Mahomet in 2000. Writing a 461-page book, *An Unofficial History of Mahomet*, at the age of 88 was quite an accomplishment. She also wrote the history of our church, *Mahomet Methodist Centennial 1955*. After retiring from teaching at the University of Illinois, she spent an extended time in Chile teaching at a mission. The scholarship was created to continue Isabelle's commitment to education.

This annual scholarship will be awarded to a student selected by the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Recipients may reapply. The amount of the Isabel Purnell Scholarship awarded each year is based on the amount of the dividend that the Isabel Purnell Scholarship fund earns in the previous year.

### Considerations:

- \* Shall be an active member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church
- \* Financial need
- \* Service within the church or school
- \* Must be enrolled and in good standing as a student in an accredited program of higher education or working toward an advanced degree
- \* The field of study is not stipulated, but preference may be given to education in ministry, health fields, social services, or agriculture

Applications must be completed and returned by **June 2, 2020**. The Mahomet United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee will select, notify, and award the scholarship based on the information from the questions on this application form.

Completed applications may be returned by email to [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org) or by mail to:

Mahomet United Methodist Church  
1302 E. South Mahomet Rd.  
Mahomet, IL 61853

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Application no. \_\_\_\_\_ (for office use)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please answer questions on an additional sheet of paper if necessary.**

1. Are you an **active** member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church?
2. What is your educational background?
3. What school do you plan to attend in the fall? What is your field of study or career goals?
4. How are you helping to finance your education? (List any that apply: scholarship, loans, parent help, work, etc.) List any additional information related to your financial situation that may be pertinent.
5. Are there now, or will there be in the fall, other members of your immediate family who will be enrolled in higher education?
6. Describe any employment experience:
7. Describe any school activities or awards:
8. Describe service or activities within our church in which you are presently involved or formerly participated.
9. Describe any other community service, organizations, or activities in which you participate:
10. Why are you applying for this scholarship?

**Please submit a current transcript of your academic progress. If you are beginning your first term in a college or university, please submit your high school transcript.**