

# Simpson United Methodist Church

6001 Wolff Street, Arvada, Colorado 80003    [www.simpsonumc.com](http://www.simpsonumc.com)  
Office: 303-428-7963 / Fax: 303-427-1577    e-mail: [office@simpsonumc.com](mailto:office@simpsonumc.com)

Dear 2026 Graduating High School Student,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! The Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee would like to encourage you to apply for the scholarships available through the church for graduating high school students. This year we will make available The Simpson United Methodist Church All Church Scholarship and The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship.

These scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school students who are planning to further their education by entering one of the following: a business, trade, technical, or vocational school; an undergraduate college or university program. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate that they have been accepted into their selected program at an accredited educational institution. If you receive an award and are unable to pursue your education immediately after graduation, you are expected to return the scholarship funds and Simpson United Methodist Church will hold your scholarship funds in your name for up to five years.

Active participation in and support of Simpson United Methodist Church and Christian values is mandatory for scholarship consideration along with other factors such as involvement in the Japanese American community, grade point average, community service, and school activities. Eligibility for The Simpson United Methodist Church All Church Scholarship requires that the recipient be a professing member of the church as defined in the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline and demonstrate active participation in groups and/or functions such as UMYF, Sunday School, and worship. Eligibility for The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship requires an affiliation and involvement with Simpson United Methodist Church. Both scholarships require 10 hours of volunteerism at Simpson Church.

All participants are required to do community service at Simpson – 10 hours to be completed by application due date for graduating seniors. If you are having difficulty acquiring volunteer hours, please group email Rev. Brian Lee at [revbrian@simpsonumc.com](mailto:revbrian@simpsonumc.com) or Dennis Kitayama at [dkkitayama@gmail.com](mailto:dkkitayama@gmail.com). They may be able to provide information about volunteer opportunities.

A scholarship application and volunteer attestation forms are following. They may also be downloaded from the church website located at [www.simpsonumc.com](http://www.simpsonumc.com). The deadline for application is **April 10, 2026** and will not be extended. **All applications must be received by this date for consideration. Also, please email your application and attestation forms to [sumcscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sumcscholarship@gmail.com).** If you choose to apply, a personal interview with the scholarship committee may be required, with interviews taking place in late April or early May. Applicants will be notified by email, phone, or text to arrange for this interview. Scholarship recipients are also expected to be present in worship on **Sunday, June 14**, at 10:00 a.m., for recognition and will be asked to speak briefly about their educational plans and how the received scholarship will help them achieve their educational goals.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at [sumcscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sumcscholarship@gmail.com) or call Bobbi Wong at 720-272-6666, Julie Cleary at 303-523-4428, or Cindy Kondo at 303-433-8957.

Sincerely,

Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee

# Simpson United Methodist Church

6001 Wolff Street, Arvada Colorado 80003    [www.simpsonumc.com](http://www.simpsonumc.com)  
Office: 303-428-7963 / Fax: 303-427-1577    e-mail: [office@simpsonumc.com](mailto:office@simpsonumc.com)

Scholarship(s) will be awarded to a high school graduate(s) who is deserving, worthy and shows potential. The criteria used to award scholarships offered by Simpson United Methodist Church is as follows:

## **SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ALL CHURCH AWARD**

1. Professing membership in Simpson United Methodist Church as defined in the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline. (Having been baptized or having parents who are members does not qualify as membership. Confirmation class must be successfully completed prior to scholarship application due date. Contact Rev. Brian Lee at [revbrian@simpsonumc.com](mailto:revbrian@simpsonumc.com) for information about becoming a member.)
2. Responsible participation in youth programs, Sunday School, worship and other programs of Simpson United Methodist Church.
3. Demonstrate Christian character as well as earnest and sincere desire to perpetuate a spirit of Christian Fellowship.
4. Participation in the life of the greater Japanese American Community.
5. Academic record.
6. Participation in the life of the school and community.
7. Demonstrated acceptance or continued study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution.
8. Complete 10 hours of community service at Simpson prior to application due date.

## **THE GENE AND KIMIKO SIDE SCHOLARSHIP High School graduates**

1. The recipient should be deserving, worthy, and show potential.
2. The recipient has an affiliation and involvement with Simpson United Methodist Church.
3. All participants are required to do 10 hours of community service at Simpson by the scholarship application due date.

Simpson United Methodist Church  
High School Graduation Scholarship Application – 2026  
**(Please download this form, print, complete and mail to the church. Also email a copy to  
sumcscholarship@gmail.com)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a confirmed member of Simpson UMC? \_\_\_\_\_ Date confirmation class completed \_\_\_\_\_ Date of confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond briefly to the following, limiting your response to the space provided:

How have you been involved in the life of Simpson United Methodist Church in the past 5 years? **Please be specific.**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

How have you been involved in the Japanese American Community in the past 5 years? **Please be specific.**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Describe your School & Community Activities. **Be specific.**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Describe your special interests, talents or hobbies:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Describe your educational plans:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Both parts of the following question must be answered for your application to be considered. (Please limit your essay to two typewritten pages, double-spaced.)

*How has your interaction with Simpson United Methodist Church shaped your life and your plans for the future?*

Applications must be received both by email and mail by **April 10, 2026**. The deadline will not be extended, nor will late or incomplete applications be accepted.

Email application to: [sumescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sumescholarship@gmail.com).

Mail completed applications to: Scholarship Committee  
Simpson United Methodist Church  
6001 Wolff St.  
Arvada, CO 80003-6833

Interviews for scholarship finalists will be held in late April or early May.

Parents' Names & Address(es):

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Committee  
Julie Cleary Cindy Kondo Bobbi Wong

**Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Program  
Attestation of Volunteerism at Simpson United Methodist Church**

*Note: This is a required form to apply for any scholarships offered at Simpson United Methodist Church. With all other required documents, submit this completed required form. Please use one form per event per year. Number of volunteer hours needed can be found on the Simpson website or scholarship criteria sheet.*

This letter of attestation is being provided on behalf of the following volunteer:

Name of volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to confirm that the person listed above has volunteered in the duties or responsibilities of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

at the event known as \_\_\_\_\_

sponsored by the organization named \_\_\_\_\_

for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ hours on the date(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby certify that the information above is true, and an accurate representation of duties and responsibilities performed by the volunteer:

Printed name and signature (may not be an immediate family member of the volunteer):

\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number for verification: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_