You Can Help Shape a Student's Missions Calling

Summer is a season filled with anticipation.

June brings the close of another school year and celebrations of graduations from high schools, colleges, and seminaries. July arrives with patriotic celebrations, family vacations, and for many children, missions camp—where friendships are formed and faith is nurtured. By August, thoughts turn toward back-to-school shopping, moving into college dorms, and preparing for the school year ahead.

At the WMU Foundation, summer carries a special kind of anticipation—one rooted in prayerful hope for the future and confidence in God's calling on the next generation.

Each June, the WMU Foundation begins the process of disbursing scholarship funds to students selected to receive one of our many WMU or WMU Foundation scholarships. Through these scholarships, students are encouraged and equipped to take meaningful steps forward in their education and calling.

At the same time, our team is already preparing for the next scholarship season, stewarding resources entrusted to us and praying for the students who will soon apply. The WMU/WMU Foundation scholarship application season opens September 1 and closes December 31. If you know a student who may qualify, we encourage you to share this opportunity and direct them to wmufoundation.com/apply-for-scholarships to learn more about eligibility, timelines, and required materials.

Scholarships are available to Southern Baptist students who are members of a Southern Baptist church and are preparing for mission service or a ministry-related vocation, as well as children of missionaries currently serving through the International Mission Board or North American Mission Board. Awards are made through a thoughtful application and endorsement process and are paid directly to students' institutions to support tuition and other enrollment-related expenses.

For many recipients, these scholarships represent more than financial assistance. They are a tangible reminder that their calling is seen, supported, and valued by the WMU family.

If you were once the recipient of a WMU or WMU Foundation scholarship, we invite you to consider paying it forward. When you give to support a specific scholarship, 100 percent of your gift is used for that scholarship, directly investing in students preparing to follow God's call. Gifts may be made at wmufoundation.com/give-to-scholarships.

Summer anticipation soon gives way to fall opportunity. Through WMU and WMU Foundation scholarships, together we help encourage the next generation to serve faithfully—wherever God leads.

PEGGY DARBY is honored, as a past scholarship recipient, to help pay it forward by supporting the WMU/WMU Foundation scholarship program.