



World Methodist Conference | Sweden 2024

Youth and Young Adult Application for Financial Assistance To Attend the 22nd World Methodist Council Conference 13-18 August, 2024 Gothenburg, Sweden

Why Attend The World Methodist Council (WMC) Conference, to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, will bring together a dynamic and diverse group of young people from all over the world 13-18 August 2024 (inclusive travel dates). At the Conference, the Program will provide financial assistance to young people from different backgrounds, churches and regions. As a diverse community, stewards bring their faith, experiences and visions to a Wesleyan experience of togetherness and friendship. Being part of this enriching experience will challenge you, foster your involvement and participation and it could change your life as you work along other people from around the world. The Youth and Young Adult Committee will be involved in an on-site formation and work with Methodists from all over the world, representing the 134 member countries and 80 denominations of Methodists and Uniting Churches. More than 2,000 people representing a diversity of gender, age, laity and clergy will participate in the Conference.

Financing WMC will be responsible for lodging (approximately \$1,000 US) paid directly to the hotel or lodging center. The participants travel expenses are to be paid by them and their church and organization as are some meals and incidental expenses. The purpose of this sum to be paid by the participant or his or her church is to strengthen the commitment of the participants and encourage ownership of the program and allow more youth and young adults to attend.

Criteria Participants who apply for financial assistance are to be between the **ages of 18 and 35 years old**. English is the primary language of the conference but translators will also be available at the Conference for other languages. Hours are irregular and special programs may be planned for the YYA to meet together. The application deadline is December 15, 2023. Preference will be given to assure the inclusion of diversity among member churches and locations to enhance the worldwide Methodist connection/community, and to first-time participants.

Checklist All completed applications require the following documents. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

- Curriculum vitae / resume
- Two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from your church)
- A copy of either your Passport or an Identity Card (must be valid through 2024)



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WMC Application Form

Please type or write clearly (in English). A completed application form may be sent along with the required enclosures by e-mail or printed and sent by post.

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1. Personal Information	
Title: (Mr., Ms., Rev., etc.)	Family/surname: (as in passport)
First/given name/ (s): (as in passport)	Maiden name: (if applicable)
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Civil status: <input type="checkbox"/> single <input type="checkbox"/> married <input type="checkbox"/> others, please specify
Date of Birth: (day/month/year)	Town and country of birth: (as in passport)
Belong to an Indigenous Peoples Group <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please specify your people/tribe/ethnic group
Nationality: (as in passport)	Full name of passport country:
Passport number:	Place of issue: (city, country)
Date of issue: (day/month/year)	Valid until: (day/month/year)
Faith community: (full name of national church/diocese/denomination)	
2. Contact Information	
Street address:	
Postal/Zip code: (if applicable)	City:
State/ Province: (if applicable)	Country:
Telephone: (country code, area code, #)	Mobile: (country code, area code, #)
E-mail address:	

3. Language
Primary language:
Other languages: (please note proficiency level)
4. Other information
Current profession or occupation: (if student, please specify field of study)
Church interests:
Other relevant information that should be taken into account in considering your application:
Special needs: (Person with disability, medical condition, dietary needs, etc.)
How did you find out about the WMC YYA program?
5. Essays: please answer the following on separate sheets (minimum of <u>200 words</u> for each response):
<u>Describe yourself.</u> Include your involvement in youth work with your church and ecumenical bodies at a local, national, regional, or international level.
<u>Name three issues and concerns</u> that young people face in your country, in the order of priority. (explain each)
If selected, in <u>what way/s will you contribute</u> to the program in your home context?
To be completed by applicants (<i>Please put an "x" sign next to the statement below</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> I confirm to cover my full travel expenses, if selected. <input type="checkbox"/> I testify that the information I have given in this form is true and accurate and that, if accepted, I agree to abide by the conditions governing the World Methodist Council. <input type="checkbox"/> I confirm this will be my first time participating in the World Methodist Council Conference.

Please remember to enclose the following:

- Recent curriculum vitae/ resume
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from your church/ecumenical body
- A photocopy of your passport or identity card

<p>I confirm that I will stay for the full duration of the conference programme. I understand that the WMC will provide accommodation a period of the programme. Any other expenses, including passport and visa(s) costs, and related expenses such as vaccinations, luggage insurance or telecommunication costs, are my own responsibility. I commit to contribute to the work of my church/WMC Youth Organization after the programme and share about the WMC to my church and other interested people.</p>	
Date:	Signature:

Send application by post to: World Methodist Council PO Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Send application by email to: info@worldmethodistcouncil.org

Send your application by fax to: +1 828 456 9433