

Scholarship Opportunities for United Methodist Students

The United Methodist Church offers financial assistance to United Methodist students pursuing higher education through its Scholarship and Loan Programs. Funding for these scholarships and loans are provided through offerings, wills, annuities, and other designated gifts.

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The United Methodist Student Loan Program

Through the Loan Program, students may borrow up to \$5,000 per year at 5 percent interest (Five for Five program). Special rates may apply for students attending United Methodist-related schools. Call the Loan Department at 615-340-7346 for details.

An applicant must be:

- an active, full member of a United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to application
- admitted to a degree program in an accredited college/university OR a degree candidate attending a professional or graduate school accredited by its respective professional accrediting agency
- maintaining at least a C average (or equivalent)
- high school students may apply if they will be college students in the fall term.

Loans are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, until allocated funds have been used.

Applications are available on line. Once you have successfully completed an online application, you will receive an e-mail from the General Board of Higher Education advising you that your application was received and requiring completion of a church membership form and a borrower and co-signer pledge form (links to these 2 forms will be provided in the email).

If you have not received a confirmation email within 24 hours of submission, contact the General Board of Higher Education in Ministry immediately for assistance. If you experience technical difficulties or have questions about the content of the application or how to complete the application, call their office immediately at 615-340-7346.

For more information, visit the website for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, www.gbhem.org.

The United Methodist Scholarship Program

Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. A student is eligible to receive only one United Methodist scholarship during any one academic year from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) funds.

GBHEM scholarships assist students from various backgrounds working toward various higher education degrees. Applicants may be enrolled at any accredited institution within the United States to be eligible.

GBHEM Administers over 50 scholarship programs with varied criteria and deadlines. The Scholarship Office reviews each application to determine the best program for the student.

An applicant must be:

- an active, full member of a United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to applying
- admitted to a degree program in an accredited college or university WITHIN the United States
- maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or above
- high school students may apply if they will be college students in the fall term.
- Applicants are required to be full-time students according to their school's standards for the program for which they are enrolled.

GBHEM Scholarships:

The E. Craig Brandenburg Scholarship

Applicants must be students 35 years of age or older; desiring to continue their education or go into a second career; member of the UMC for at least 1 year.

The Edith M. Allen Scholarship

This scholarship is for outstanding African-American graduate or undergraduate students pursuing a degree in education, social work, medicine, and/or other health professions. Must be enrolled at a UM college or university, have a B+ average or higher; and be an active full member of the UMC for at least 3 years.

The United Methodist General Scholarship

May be awarded to undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral students; are full active members of the UMC for at least 1 year; have a minimum GPA of 2.5+, and are attending any accredited institution within the U.S.

The HANA Scholarship

Applicant must be born of Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Island parentage (at least one parent); an upper level student (undergraduate at junior or senior level; OR a graduate or doctoral student); full and active member of the UMC for at least 3 years; GPA of 2.85+; with plans to prepare for leadership in the UMC and in their HANA community.

The Allan Jerome Burry Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to recognize a UM student's outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, and participation in the activities of a UM-related campus ministry or chaplaincy program at a college or university. Applicants must be nominated by the campus minister/chaplain; be an active, full member of the UMC for at least 3 years; GPA of 3.0+; and demonstrate financial need.

The Helen and Allen Brown Scholarship

For students from the Nashville District of the Tennessee Annual Conference OR the New Orleans District of the Louisiana Annual Conference. Applicant must have been a full and active member of The UMC for at least 3 years; an undergraduate student, GPA of 3.0+; and must demonstrate financial need.

The Bishop Joseph B. Bethea Scholarship

Undergraduate scholarship for African American students. Applicant must be a member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Black Methodists for Church Renewal (SEJBMCR); citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.; GPA of 2.8+; and demonstrate financial need.

The Ethnic Minority Scholarship

Undergraduate award for Native American, Asian, African American, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander ethnic groups. Applicants must be pursuing his/her FIRST undergraduate degree; GPA of 2.5+; full and active member of the UMC for at least one year; attending an accredited institution within the U.S. International students must be enrolled in a United Methodist college or university within the U.S. and must be recommended by the president of the UM institution.

The Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope: 21st Century Scholars Program

\$1000 undergraduate award for applicants who have been active and full members of the UMC for at least 3 years prior to application; must demonstrate strong leadership in the UMC; GPA of 3.0+. International students must be enrolled in a United Methodist college or university within the U.S. and must be recommended by the president of the UM institution.

Scholarship Application Deadlines

Two deadline dates will exist for all GBHEM scholarship programs.

- The FIRST deadline date will be the date to submit the online portion of the scholarship application. (The online scholarship application access will be open from the first working weekday in January through April 1 each year at www.gbhem.org)
- The SECOND deadline date will be when ALL the required supporting documents must be received.

GBHEM FINAL DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING ANY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS APRIL 1st FOR THE ONLINE PORTION OF THE APPLICATION AND APRIL 15 FOR ALL REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

For more information, visit the website for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF)

Scholarship funding from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is provided by private donations and endowments.

The United Methodist Leadership Scholars (UMLS) program is sponsored by United Methodist Churches in the southeastern U.S. and participating colleges and universities. UMLS is supported by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF). This Scholarship program is designed to encourage active United Methodist students to attend a United Methodist-related college or university by offering up to \$3,000 in scholarship funds. These sponsoring colleges and universities intentionally affirm students as God's children through the development of the whole student — intellectually, by developing leadership capability, and growing spiritually through programs that focus on the individual student. More information can be found at <http://www.ums.org>.

United Methodist students enrolled at a United Methodist-related college, university, or theological school are eligible for several scholarships administered by the UM Foundation. For more information, visit the [United Methodist Foundation website](#) or contact the [annual conference office](#).

Foundation Merit Scholarships - Through the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, Foundation Merit Scholarships are available from each of the United Methodist-related colleges, universities, theological and professional schools. For more information, contact the financial aid office at your institution.

Named Endowed Scholarships are designed for United Methodist students who meet specific criteria outlined in the individual scholarship descriptions. Please visit www.umhef.org/receive.php?id=endowed_funds to learn more about these scholarships.

Double Your United Methodist Dollars for Scholars Program - Through the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, a \$1000 matching scholarship for students at United Methodist-related colleges, universities, or seminaries is available through the Double Your United Methodist Dollars for Scholars program. Only one applicant per church is accepted. For more information, visit the [United Methodist Dollars for Scholars Web site](#) or contact:

United Methodist Higher Education Foundation
P.O. Box 340005
Nashville, TN 37203-0005
Toll free: 800-811-8110
615.340.7385
Fax: 615.340.7330
Email: umhef@gbhem.org

General Board of Global Ministries

National and International Ministries Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available from the National and International Committees with Women, Children and Youth of the General Board of Global Ministries. Women of all ages and youth ages 18-30 are eligible.

For more information, contact:
General Board of Global Ministries
Assistant General Secretary of Administration, Women's Division
Marsha R. Base

475 Riverside Dr., Room 1504
New York, NY 10115
212/870-3745; FAX: 212/870-3736
Email: mbase@gbgm-umc.org

General Commission on Communications (UMCom)

Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarship

United Methodist Communications gives two \$2,500 Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarships each year to junior or senior level ethnic minority students enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university. At least one of these awards will go to a United Methodist student. The memorial award is for ethnic minority students who are training for careers in religious communication.

For more information, visit the [Perryman Scholarship Web site](#) or contact:

United Methodist Communications
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 320
Nashville, TN 37202-0320
Toll free: 888-278-4862
615/742-5769; FAX: 615/742-5485
Email: scholarships@umcom.org

Stody West Fellowship

from the General Commission on Communications (UMCom)

United Methodist Communications gives two \$6,000 fellowships per year; one of these goes to a United Methodist student. The fellowships are given to students who intend to pursue careers in religious journalism in their post-graduate studies at an accredited U.S. college or university.

For more information and application forms, visit the [Stody West Fellowship Web site](#) or contact:

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Fellowship Committee
P.O. Box 320
Nashville, TN 37202-0320
Toll free: 888-278-4862
615/742-5769; FAX: 615/742-5485
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Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts

Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts Scholarships

The Fellowship generally grants four scholarships in the areas of music, worship, drama, dance, visuals and other liturgical arts. A candidate must:

- Be a full time music degree candidate in an accredited university, college, school of theology OR doing special education in worship or the arts related to worship.
- Be a member of the United Methodist Church for at least one year immediately before applying, giving evidence of strong Christian character and participation in Christian activities at a local church and/or campus.
- Demonstrate evidence of exceptional musical or other artistic talents, effective leadership ability, and outstanding promise of future usefulness.

For more information, visit the [FUMMWA Web site](#) or contact:

Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts
David Bone, Administrator
PO Box 24787
Nashville TN 37202
Toll free: 800/952-8977
615/749-6875; FAX: 615/749-6874
Email: FUMMWA@aol.com

The Hispanic Leadership Development Fund

In 1986, the former Health and Welfare Ministries Program established the Hispanic Leadership Development Fund. Grants are made annually to persons of Hispanic descent from North, South, and Central America and islands of the Western Hemisphere who are pursuing a health-related career or a health care practitioner advancing in the health care field.

Who is eligible?

Persons of Hispanic-American descent, who are planning to pursue a health-related career, or already a practitioner in the health care field. There are no age limits. Awards are primarily based on need and potential.

Applicants must show proof of enrollment in school:

- A. If applicant is entering school/university, then a copy of the official admission letter stating that applicant has been accepted must be sent to UMCOR Health with the application.
 - B. Transcript must be sent with the application.
 - C. Send **only three (3)** favorable written recommendations / references from individuals other than family member, *i.e.*, pastor, teacher, guidance counselor, employer.
 - D. **Do not send** pictures or resumes.
 - E. Only U.S. citizens/permanent residents will be considered and proof will be required.
- Number of grants awarded annually is dependent upon the amount of funds available.

Awards

Grant awards are \$2,000 each for one year. If awarded, grant will be sent to the school / university in the name of the applicant.

Deadline

Completed application (original and two copies), one-page narrative, references, transcript or letter of acceptance must be received by **June 30**. There are no extensions of this deadline. **If application packet is not complete, it will not be reviewed.** Applicants will receive written notification whether or not a grant has been awarded by **November 30**.

Send Complete Application Packet to:

Joan Young
Global Ministries UMCOR Health
The United Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1522
New York, New York 10115

The Harry R. Kendall Leadership Development Scholarship

Grants are made annually to person of African-American descent, who are pursuing a health-related career or already a practitioner in the health care field. There are no age limits. Awards are primarily based on need and potential.

Who may apply?

Persons of African-American descent, who are planning to pursue a health-related career, or already a practitioner in the health care field. There are no age limits. Awards are primarily based on need and potential.

Applicants must show proof of enrollment in school:

- A. If applicant is entering school/university, then a copy of the official admission letter stating that applicant has been accepted must be sent to UMCOR Health with the application.

- B. Transcript must be sent with the application.
- C. Send **only three (3)** favorable written recommendations / references from individuals other than family member, i.e., pastor, teacher, guidance counselor, employer.
- D. **Do not send** pictures or resumes.
- E. Only U.S. citizens/permanent residents will be considered and proof will be required.

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Deadline

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Through the National Association of United Methodist Foundations, conference and area Foundation offices may offer scholarships. Visit the [Conference/Area Foundations Web site](#) for a list of the annual conference/area Foundation contacts. See also area conferences listed within this document.

Peninsula-Delaware Conference

If you are a member of a United Methodist church within the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, the conference for the geographical area in which Wesley College is located, you may be eligible for scholarship money. There is also a scholarship available for dependent children of United Methodist clergy. Applications for these scholarships are available from Chaplain Erica L. Brown

Baltimore Washington Conference -- 2012 scholarship information and an online application will be available by March 1. For questions, contact Jo Chesson.

Scholarships are for undergraduate students enrolled fulltime in an accredited college or university in the United States (Exception - Education Scholarship: Sophia Dietsch Fund for graduate studies).

Applicants must be members of a United Methodist church in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Applicants must submit: a completed application; completed student and pastor's statements, and their most recent official transcript, preferably for Fall 2010.

This information may be mailed by the student provided it is an official, sealed transcript. There have been a number of incidents recently when the transcripts have not arrived or arrived late. It is the applicant's responsibility to get all materials in on time.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 11, 2011 or hand carried to the Conference Center by June 14, 2011. If material is omitted, the task force reserves the right to reject the application.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and merit. Awards range from \$450 to \$1,000. Awards will be announced in writing by June 30; students not receiving awards will also be notified. Re-application is necessary each year; awardees are encouraged to re-apply. Please be aware that the number of applications far exceeds the available funds, so not all eligible students receive aid.

Eligibility Requirements and Considerations:

To receive an award, the student must be a member of a Baltimore-Washington Conference church and a full-time, undergraduate student.

Awards are based on evidence of financial need, academic merit, and acceptance by an accredited institution of higher education, an indication of Christian commitment and past and future service to The United Methodist Church.

Funding Sources

Funding for these scholarships is provided by the Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Trustees, the conference Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women.

Additional Information and Funding Sources

UMW - ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT TEAM (Alice Bryant Fund)

One award for \$500. The applicant must be applying to be a full-time student at a community college or university, carrying a total of 12 credit hours or more per semester/quarter. They must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, be an active member of a United Methodist Church in the Annapolis District and show evidence of financial need.

All materials must be received by June 1 and sent directly to the United Methodist Women Annapolis District Treasurer:

Barbara Hall
929 General's Highway
Millersville, MD 21108
410-923-2642

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

The Eastern Pennsylvania Education Society's function is to promote the cause of education among the ministry and membership of The United Methodist Church in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. In that regard, there are a number of grants available annually in the amounts of \$500 to \$1,000 targeted toward higher education.

1. Grants are available to members of The United Methodist Church – Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. They are available to promising persons intending to enter the ministry of The United Methodist Church, to persons intending to engage in religious work under the direction of The United Methodist Church, or to persons preparing for general usefulness as Christians.
2. The Grant will be made only for undergraduate education. This includes vocational, technical, professional, religious, liberal arts, business, and other types of undergraduate educational programs.
3. The size of the grant offered will be determined based upon the number of applicants but will not be less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.
4. The Education Society will determine the annual amount available for Grants using the total return on investments approach under state law. This is further defined in the Education Society's By-Laws.
5. Up to 5 annual grants may be made to a student – one per each year of undergraduate education. There will be no preference given to students in a given year who have received a Grant the previous year.
6. Applications normally will be approved in the order received up to the available funds for Grants.

7. The Education Society reserves the right to limit the number of Grants given to members of a particular church. It is the intent of the program that financial aid be distributed throughout the Conference and not be focused on a few churches.

8. All Grant payments will be made directly to the educational institution and not to the student.

9. Grant applications will be received no earlier than May 1 and no later than June 30 assuming funds still are available at that time. When funds are no longer available, applications will be cut off. Notifications will be made in July regarding Grant distribution and size.

Greater New Jersey Conference

Conference Merit Awards

Annual awards to United Methodist students in Greater New Jersey Conference attending any United Methodist college or university. **Applicants are nominated by a local church.** Each church may nominate one student annually.

Rev. Ralph Kappler Memorial Scholarship

Annual award or awards will be given to undergraduate students who are members of churches in the Greater New Jersey Conference. The applicants are nominated by a local church. **Each church may nominate one student annually.** The recipient can use this scholarship for continuing education after high school in any field that he or she desires. Financial need shall be one consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.

Conference Trust Fund Scholarships

Scholarship assistance for undergraduate students exhibiting financial need, academic merit, and active membership in The United Methodist Church, Greater New Jersey Conference.

Frances Nelson Scholarship

Annual award or awards will be given to undergraduate students who are members of churches in the Greater New Jersey Conference. Applicants must have a goal of full time Christian service following graduation. Yearly application is required, but previous recipients will be given priority up to four years of college. Financial need shall be one consideration in awarding this scholarship. Sponsored by the Greater New Jersey Conference United Methodist Women.

Emily S. Garrison Nursing Scholarship

A scholarship is awarded each year to a student preparing for a nursing career and is enrolled or enrolling in a program leading to the B.S. degree in nursing. The applicant must be a member of United Methodist Church in the Greater New Jersey Conference. Sponsored by the Greater New Jersey Conference United Methodist Women.

Ethel Snyder Book /Inez R. Irons Scholarship

Annual award or awards will be given to a daughter and/or son of a United Methodist clergyperson in the Greater New Jersey Conference. The recipient may use this scholarship for continuing education after high school in any field of his or her choice.

Doris and Arthur Mandeville Scholarship

The Doris and Arthur Mandeville Scholarship Fund was created through a generous gift by Doris and Arthur Mandeville to the Epworth United Methodist Church of Palmyra. The purpose of the gift is to further Christian Education within The United Methodist Church. The scholarship program is jointly administered by the Greater New Jersey Conference Board of Higher Education and the Epworth United Methodist Church. Awards are made to full-time graduate students who are members of a United Methodist Church in Greater New Jersey Conference and are preparing for careers in ordained ministry or Christian Education in The United Methodist Church. Applicants are asked to demonstrate financial need to qualify for these awards. **Deadline for application is March 31, 2012**