



*Scholarships for United
Methodist Students*
2023-2024



The *grand vision* of UMHEF is that it be economically possible for any qualified student to be educated at a United Methodist-related institution of higher education.

We are a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. UMHEF scholarships are separate from those offered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) of The United Methodist Church.



UMHEF NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- UMHEF supports students at **100+** UM-related colleges, universities, and theological seminaries
- UMHEF awards more than **\$2 MILLION** in scholarships to **1,000 STUDENTS** every year
- UMHEF donors give **\$1.5 MILLION+** annually



UMHEF PARTNERS

- 100+ UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries
- Dozens of United Methodist Conference Foundations
- United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches
- UM Leaders and Generous Donors



SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

UMHEF Applicants Must Be:

- An active, full member of a United Methodist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, AME Zion Church, or Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for at least a year
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time degree program at a regionally accredited higher educational institution in the US; high priority given to students at [UM-related schools](#)
- Additional criteria may apply to some endowed fund scholarships

A Few Additional Notes:

- ✓ Awards are open to incoming freshman through graduate students
- ✓ Doctoral students are not eligible at this time
- ✓ Limited awards are available for international students; these students will apply using a designated application.
- ✓ Awarded funds are sent directly to the school and must be used for tuition, room/board, or other fees paid through a student account; funds may not be paid back to you, the student.

UMHEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

UM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Involves *matching support* from a student's church, UMHEF, as well as participating UM-related schools and UM conference foundation.



- Begins with a \$1,000 scholarship from your church; funds may be combined from more than one church if needed (must be sent from the church on a church check)
- UMHEF may match that for a total of \$2,000
- Triple-Your-Dollars participating schools may match up to \$1,000 for an award total of up to \$3,000
- Quadruple-Your-Dollars participating UM Conference Foundations may match up to \$1,000 for an award total of up to \$4,000
- Funds are limited at each level of matching and are not guaranteed
- Recipients must reapply every year

UMHEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED AWARDS

Includes awards of various amounts from **130+ named scholarship funds** established by various donors.

- One application applies you for ALL named endowed scholarships!
- UMHEF will match you with award(s) for which you qualify
- Some funds may have additional criteria
- Does not require any funds from your church
- In some cases, these awards can offer a student more than the UM Dollars for Scholars program, so we encourage you to apply for both programs!



UMHEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

OTHER FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for Ethnically Diverse Students

Several endowed funds are designated to support ethnically diverse students. These may include students attending Historically Black Colleges & Universities and students who are Asian-American, Native American, Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latin-American, etc. When you provide us with information about your ethnicity, we can match you with these awards. (Funds are limited and awards are not guaranteed.)



Chaplain Samuel Grover Powell Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students preparing for chaplaincy in a branch of the US military at an accredited seminary. A separate application is provided for this award on our website.

Elliott-Glass Scholarship for Deaf, Deafened, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing

This grant is intended for persons mentioned above who are members of The United Methodist Church, pursuing seminary education, and wish to be prepared for specialized ministries in church including, but not restricted to, those seeking ordination.

Additional Information at
[UMHEF.org/scholarships/otherscholarships](https://umhef.org/scholarships/otherscholarships)

UM Foundation Merit Scholarships

These annual awards are available to United Methodist students attending a UM-related theological school/seminary and are nominated by the school. Please contact your financial aid director for more information..



UMHEF APPLICATION & AWARD PROCESS

Applications are Accepted January 1 – March 1
at [UMHEF.ORG/APPLY](https://umhef.org/apply)

Exceptions:

Students attending Andrew College and Louisburg College (2-year schools) may apply for the UM Dollars for Scholars program through June 1.

Some of our “Other Scholarships” have extended deadlines.

UMHEF reserves the right to announce application extensions and will communicate these through our social media and email newsletter.

Other Important Notes:

- Online applications are submitted via SmarterSelect (will be linked on our website); paper UM Dollars for Scholars applications also available if needed
- You may apply for more than one UMHEF scholarship, but will only be awarded one per year; we will match you with highest value award for which they qualify
- You must reapply every school year to be considered



UMHEF APPLICATION & AWARD PROCESS

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1: Applications & Supporting Materials Due for most awards

MID-MAY: Award notifications sent to applicants via mailed letter

OCTOBER 1: Verification of Enrollment forms due

MID-NOVEMBER: Award funds sent to school; varies



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