

SCHOLARSHIPS



2024 REFERENCE GUIDE

\$2 million is awarded annually to United Methodist and other select students attending UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries!

ABOUT US



The grand vision of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is that it be economically possible for qualified students to be educated at a United Methodist-related institution of higher education.

We are a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Every year, UMHEF
awards \$2+ million
in scholarships to
nearly 1,000 students!**



UMHEF scholarships are separate from those offered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) of The United Methodist Church.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students 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 before applying.

Students must be 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 listed on the next page.

Additional criteria may apply to some endowed fund scholarships.



MORE ABOUT WHO CAN APPLY

Awards are open to incoming freshman through graduate students, including Doctorate of Ministry students.

Any other doctoral students are not eligible at this time.

Limited awards are also available for international students; apply using the International Student Application.

Students of all major areas of study are welcome to apply!

IMPORTANT DATES!

JANUARY 1

Applications open!

MARCH 1

Deadline for most applications and other materials.

MAY 15

By this date, applicants will have received a letter with news of their award status.

OCTOBER 1

Verification of Enrollment forms are due for every awarded student.

OCTOBER 1

Deadline for Foundation Merit Scholarship nominations; see page 8.

NOVEMBER 15

By this date, award funds will be sent to schools!

SCHOOLS WHOSE STUDENTS WE SUPPORT



The following United Methodist-related institutions of higher education are recognized by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. UMHEF gives priority to these students.

Adrian College
Alaska Pacific University
Albion College
Albright College
Allegheny College
American University
Andrew College
Baker University
Bennett College*
Bethune-Cookman University*
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston University
Boston University School of Theology
Brevard College
Candler School of Theology
Centenary College of Louisiana
Centenary University
Central Methodist University
Claflin University*
Claremont School of Theology
Clark Atlanta University*
Columbia College
Cornell College
Dakota Wesleyan University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Dillard University*
Drew University
Drew University, Theological School
Duke Divinity School
Duke University
Emory and Henry College
Emory University
Ferrum College
Florida Southern College
Gammon Theological Seminary*
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
Greensboro College
Hamline University
Hendrix College
High Point University
Huntingdon College
Huston-Tillotson University*
Iliff School of Theology
Illinois Wesleyan University
Kansas Wesleyan University
Kentucky Wesleyan College
LaGrange College
Lebanon Valley College
Lindsey Wilson College
Louisburg College

Lycoming College
McKendree University
McMurry University
Meharry Medical College
Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Methodist University
Millsaps College
Morningside University
Nebraska Methodist College
Nebraska Wesleyan University
North Carolina Wesleyan College
North Central College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma City University
Otterbein University
Paine College*
Perkins School of Theology
Pfeiffer University
Philander Smith University*
Randolph-Macon College
Reinhardt University
Rocky Mountain College
Rust College*
Saint Paul School of Theology
Shenandoah University
Simpson College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern College
Southwestern University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Syracuse University
Tennessee Wesleyan University
Texas Wesleyan University
Union College
United Theological Seminary
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Indianapolis
University of Puget Sound
University of the Pacific
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wesley Theological Seminary
Wesleyan College
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wiley College*
Willamette University
Wofford College
Young Harris College

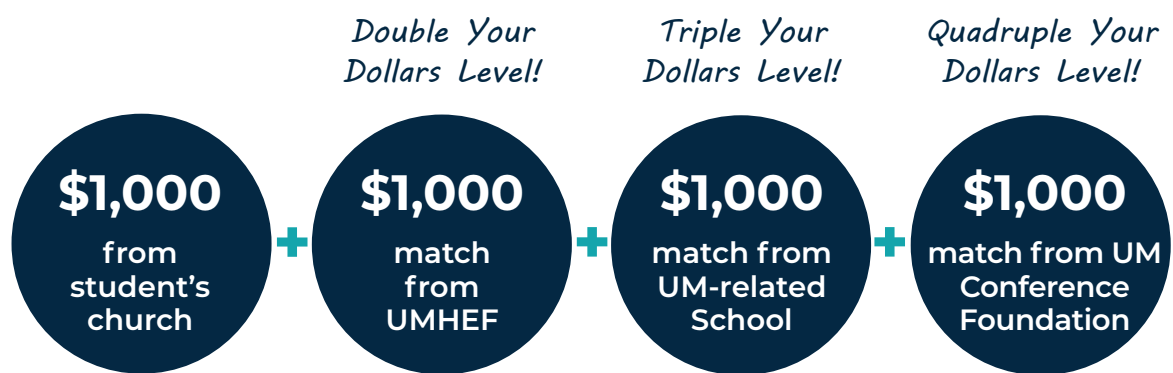
**One of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the U.S.*



UM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In this popular scholarship program, a student's church is invited to partner with the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation to make it more affordable for to attend UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:



= up to a **\$4,000 Scholarship!**

Other Important Notes:

- Funds are limited at each matching level and are not guaranteed.
- Recipients must reapply every year for this program.
- Students, has your church disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church but still wants to sponsor this award? Contact us to discuss options for applying!

Applications Open January 1.

[Learn more at UMHEF.ORG/UMDFS](https://umhef.org/UMDFS)

START THE CONVERSATION!

Students and parents, talking to your pastor or church leader to get their support of this program is the first step! We're making it easy with a pre-written conversation starter! Find it, and more, at

**UMHEF.ORG/
StartTheConversation**



UM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In addition to the generosity of our many donors and the support of UM-related schools, UMHEF works with the following partners to support nearly 1,000 students every year! These United Methodist conference foundations are “Quadruple Your Dollars” partners with the UM Dollars for Scholars program.

Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation
California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation
California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation, Inc.
Dakotas Methodist Foundation
Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation
Florida United Methodist Foundation, Inc.
Georgia United Methodist Foundation, Inc.
The Holston Foundation, Inc.
Iowa United Methodist Foundation
Kentucky United Methodist Foundation, Inc.
Methodist Foundation for Arkansas
Methodist Foundation of Mississippi
Methodist Foundation of North Alabama
Methodist Foundation of Ohio
Methodists Helping Methodists Foundation
Minnesota Methodist Foundation
Missouri United Methodist Foundation, Inc.
Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation
Texas Methodist Foundation
United Methodist Foundation for the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana
United Methodist Foundation of Michigan
United Methodist Foundation, Inc. of North Carolina Conference
United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference
United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania
United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.
United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc.
Virginia United Methodist Foundation

PLEASE NOTE:
Each conference foundation determines the number and amount of UM Dollars for Scholars matches made each year.

**For the most up-to-date list of partnering foundations, visit UMHEF.org/partners.*



GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

When students submit the General Named Endowed Scholarship application, they are considered for scholarships awarded from 130+ named funds established by various UMHEF donors!

Award amounts vary!

These are traditionally competitive scholarships that consider things like GPA, school/church/community involvement, financial need, etc.

Other Important Notes:

- Apply once and UMHEF will match you with the general named endowed scholarships for which you qualify.
- Some funds may have additional criteria to the eligibility requirements listed on page 3.
- Unlike the UM Dollars for Scholars program, this program does not require funds from a student's church.

APPLY FOR BOTH!

In some cases, these awards can offer a student more money than the UM Dollars for Scholars program, so we encourage students to apply for both!

Applications Open January 1.

Learn more at [UMHEF.ORG/general](https://umhef.org/general)





OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The following are additional scholarships offered by the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. In some cases, varying deadlines apply. Read carefully or visit our website for complete details.



HBCU & OTHER DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Several endowed funds are designated to support ethnically diverse students. These may include students attending Historically Black Colleges & Universities (up to \$5,000) 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.) Apply for the General Named Endowed Scholarship to be considered.



CHAPLAIN SAMUEL GROVER-POWELL AWARD

This scholarship is open to students preparing for chaplaincy in a branch of the US military at any accredited seminary. Deadline to apply is July 1.



AWARD FOR THE DEAF, DEAFENED, DEAF-BLIND, OR HARD OF HEARING

The Elliott-Glass Scholarship is for above persons who are members of The United Methodist Church hoping to attend seminary. Apply for the General Named Endowed Scholarship to be considered.



FOUNDATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR SEMINARIANS

Each year, United Methodist-related seminaries and theological schools may nominate 3 students to receive this \$3,000 scholarship. The deadline for nominations is October 1. Visit UMHEF.org/foundation-merit for more details.

Learn more at UMHEF.ORG/other



SCHOOLS & PARTNERS!

Please help us spread the word to students and parents about UMHEF scholarships & applications! For press releases, social media graphics, and downloadable materials, visit [UMHEF.org/media](https://umhef.org/media).

All About **APPLYING**

Here's what you need to know about applying for UMHEF scholarships. More can be found at [UMHEF.org/apply](https://umhef.org/apply).

- Applications open **January 1, 2024** for scholarships for the '24-'25 academic year.
- The deadline for most applications is **March 1, 2024**. See details for each scholarship for exceptions.
- Applications are submitted online via **SmarterSelect**, a platform that allows students to create a free account and manage their applications. In some cases, paper applications may also be downloaded at [UMHEF.org/apply](https://umhef.org/apply).
- When applying, please provide a mailing and email address you check regularly.
- Parents, if filling out applications for your child, please be careful to use student information where requested, not yours (i.e. social security number, email, etc.)
- Students may apply for more than one UMHEF scholarship, but will only be awarded one per academic year.
- Students who have been previously awarded must reapply to be considered.
- If an application deadline extension is granted, UMHEF will announce via our scholar e-newsletter and on social media.

And, finally, let's answer a few

F.A.Q.S

Q. Do I have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to apply for a scholarship?

A. No. Students who are members of The United Methodist Church as well as the African Methodist Episcopal Church, AME Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and churches who have disaffiliated from The UMC are invited to apply.

Q. Do I have to attend a United Methodist-related school in order to be awarded a scholarship?

A. Strong preference is given to students planning to enroll in a United Methodist-related institution. (See list on page 4.) In rare cases, students attending non-UM-related schools may also be awarded. Note: Applicants of the UM Dollars for Scholars program must be attending a participating school.

Q. Do I still need to apply if I have already submitted an application through GBHEM?

A. Yes! UMHEF and its scholarships are separate from those offered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. You must apply for UMHEF awards at UMHEF.org/apply.

Q. How can I use my scholarship money?

A. All scholarships are paid directly to your school and must be applied to tuition, room/board, or other school fees. Award money will not be given directly to students.

Q. How and when will I be notified if I have been selected for a UMHEF scholarship?

A. We typically send notifications to all applicants by the middle of May. When applying, be sure to provide us with an email address and mailing address you check regularly! You will be contacted even if you are not awarded.



Still have questions? Visit UMHEF.org/faq where we answer several additional commonly asked questions. or email us at umhef@umhef.org.



STAY IN TOUCH!

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for qualified students to obtain
a United Methodist-related
higher education!

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