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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR METHODIST STUDENTS
*The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation Awards $2+ Million Annually*

Nashville, TN - Applications for scholarships from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) for the 2025-2026 academic year will be open January 1 – April 1, 2025. Every year, UMHEF awards $2+ million to nearly 1,000 students planning to attend a United Methodist-related institution of higher education!

Applications are open to students who are members of The United Methodist Church, the African Methodist Church, the AME Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and churches that have disaffiliated from The UMC. Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

UMHEF’s two main programs are General Named Endowed (GNE) Scholarships and the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS) program. The GNE application is a traditionally competitive scholarship that considers leadership, GPA, and financial need. With one application, students are considered for over 100 different endowments. Select awards are also available to those attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities as well as other ethically diverse students.

The UMDFS program is the foundation’s most popular scholarship program. It starts with a $1,000 scholarship from a student’s church (more than one church may combine funds). If selected, this scholarship is matched by UMHEF to total $2,000. Participating UM-related schools and UM conference foundations may, depending on available funds, each match the initial scholarship to total up to $4,000.

Complete details can be found at [www.umhef.org/scholarships](http://www.umhef.org/scholarships). Applications open January 1, 2025 and close April 1, 2025. This deadline considers expected FAFSA delays; UMHEF will not grant additional deadline extensions. Scholarships are not guaranteed and students who have been previously awarded must reapply.

The grand vision of UMHEF is that it be financially possible for qualified students to attend a United Methodist-related institution of higher education. UMHEF scholarships are separate from those offered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The UMC. Learn more at <https://www.umhef.org/>.

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