

# SCHOLARSHIPS



## 2025 REFERENCE GUIDE

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

[UMHEF.ORG](https://umhef.org)

# ABOUT US



The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation's grand vision is that it be economically possible for qualified students to be educated at a United Methodist-related institution of higher education. It is an honor to help make dreams of higher education come true at institutions that nurture faith in Christ as well as learning.

*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!

**APRIL 1**

Deadline for most applications and materials.

This date considers expected FAFSA delays. We do not plan to grant extensions this year.

**JUNE 15**

All UMHEF applicants will receive a letter or email 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. It is then up to schools to post funds to student accounts.

# 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\*  
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 University  
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 University  
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 Commonwealth University  
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 University\*  
Willamette University  
Wofford College  
Young Harris College

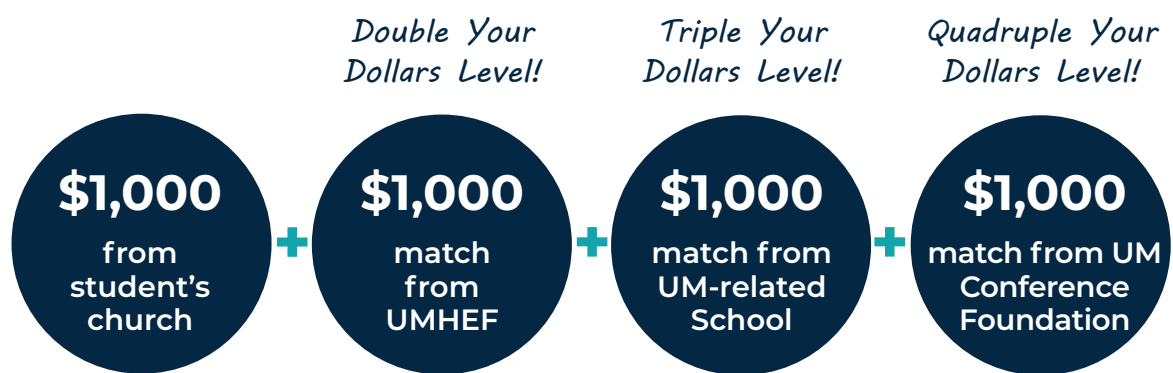
*\*One of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the U.S.*



# 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 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](https://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  
 Midwest Methodist Foundation  
 Minnesota Methodist Foundation  
 Missouri United Methodist Foundation, Inc.  
 Oklahoma 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 of North Carolina  
 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.



## GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

When students submit the General Named Endowed Scholarships 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.
- Students who have been awarded in the past must reapply every year to be considered.
- 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 the above persons who are members of The United Methodist Church and attending seminary. Apply using the General Named Endowed Scholarship application.



## 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](http://UMHEF.org/foundation-merit) for more details.

Learn more at [UMHEF.ORG/other](http://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, 2025** for scholarships for the '25-'26 academic year.
- The deadline for most applications is **April 1, 2025**. This date considers expected FAFSA delays; we will not offer extensions as in previous years. See details for each scholarship for exceptions.
- UMHEF uses the **SmarterSelect** online platform for its applications. This 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.

*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](http://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 will aim to send notifications to all applicants by the middle of June. 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](http://UMHEF.org/faq) where we answer several additional commonly asked questions. or email us at [umhef@umhef.org](mailto:umhef@umhef.org).



## STAY IN TOUCH!

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