

UNITED METHODIST DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For the 2025-2026 Academic Year

BASIC CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- You must be an active, full member of The United Methodist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, AME Zion Church, or Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Additionally, if your church has disaffiliated from The UMC you may also apply.
- You must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time degree program (graduate or undergraduate) at a United Methodist-related college, university, or seminary in the United States. See which schools qualify on page 3 or at <https://umhef.org/listofschoools>.
- Doctor of Ministry students may apply. Other doctoral students (Ph.D. and other) candidates, however, are not eligible.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Through the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS) program, the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) provides matching scholarships to United Methodist and other qualifying students who have received a scholarship from their local qualifying church to help them attend a United Methodist-related college, university, or seminary.

- **Your church provides a \$1,000 scholarship**
- **UMHEF matches, for \$2,000 total**
- **Participating UM-related schools may match for up to \$3,000 total**
- **Participating UM conference foundations may match for up to \$4,000 total**

Matches and award totals may vary and are not guaranteed.

Awards are made for the fall term of each academic year and are generally distributed directly to schools in mid-November. Please note that **YOU MUST APPLY ANNUALLY TO BE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**

QUESTIONS?

For answers to commonly asked questions, we invite you to visit [UMHEF.org/FAQs](https://umhef.org/FAQs). You may also contact us:

EMAIL: UMHEFScholarships@umhef.org

CALL: 615-649-3990 or toll free at
800-811-8110

LEARN MORE

See pages 2 and 3 for details about the levels of the UMDFS program, as well as for a list of participating UM-related schools.



HOW TO APPLY

DEADLINE:
APRIL 1, 2025

Applications will be accepted January 1 - April 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

1. Complete every question legibly. See the Application Check List on the last page before submitting.

2. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2025 (June 1, 2025 for students planning to enroll in a UM-related 2-year college).

3. Submit this application or apply online, not both. Submit online at umhef.org. You can be awarded only one UMHEF scholarship during an academic year.

4. A check payable to UMHEF for \$1,000 from your sponsoring church (no personal checks) must be mailed with completed paper applications and received by the April 1 deadline. If applying online, see those separate instructions.

5. Mail completed application and required documents to:
UMHEF Dir. of Scholarships
P.O. Box 340005
Nashville, TN 37203-0005

UNITED METHODIST DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

2025-2026 Participating Partners



\$\$ DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS

Students attending United Methodist- related institutions not participating in the Triple Your Dollars level may receive a total award of \$2,000 when UMHEF matches your church's initial \$1,000 scholarship. These schools are listed as Double Your Dollars participants.

\$\$\$ TRIPLE YOUR DOLLARS

Students attending United Methodist-related schools participating in the Triple Your Dollars level could receive \$1,000 in matching funds from the school. Combined with UMHEF's match, the award may total up to \$3,000. See the list of participating schools on the next page. Contact your financial aid office for information about how their matching award will be granted.

\$\$\$\$ QUADRUPLE YOUR DOLLARS

At this level, participating Methodist conference foundations (see below) may provide up to an additional \$1,000 match to recipients sponsored by churches in their conferences. The total award could reach up to \$4,000. Recipients must be attending a Triple Your Dollars participating institution to be eligible for this match; other restrictions may apply per conference foundation.

\$\$\$\$ Quadruple Your Dollars Participants

Matched funds from the following generous "Quadruple Your Dollars" participating United Methodist conference foundation are not guaranteed. Foundations may have a limit to the number of awards they can match in a given year. UMHEF cannot guarantee a quadruple match; the total amount of your award may vary.

Aabama-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 of 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 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
United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania
United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.
United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc.
Virginia United Methodist Foundation

**For students attending Saint Paul School of
Theology & Central Methodist University.*

\$\$\$ Triple Your Dollars Participants

Matched funds from the following "Triple Your Dollars" United Methodist-related schools are not guaranteed. Schools may have a limit to the number of awards they can match in any given year. UMHEF cannot guarantee a triple match; the total amount of your award may vary. Additionally, some schools may not provide the same matching award to graduate students. Check with your school to verify matching for your degree program.

SEMINARIES & THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

Boston University School of Theology
Candler School of Theology (*Emory Univ.*)
Claremont School of Theology
Drew Theological School (*Drew University*)
Duke Divinity School (*Duke University; up to 10 students*)
Gammon Theological Seminary
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Iliff School of Theology
Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio (*up to 15 students*)
Perkins School of Theology (*Southern Methodist University; up to 25 students*)
Saint Paul School of Theology
United Theological Seminary
Wesley Theological Seminary

SENIOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Alaska Pacific University
Albion College
Allegheny College
Bethune-Cookman University
Brevard College
Centenary College of Louisiana
Centenary University
Central Methodist University
Claflin University
Clark Atlanta University
Columbia College
Dakota Wesleyan University

DePauw University
Dickinson College
Dillard University
Drew University
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
Ferrum College
Florida Southern College
Greensboro College
Hamline University
Hendrix College
High Point University
Huston-Tillotson University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Iowa Wesleyan University
Kansas Wesleyan University
Kentucky Wesleyan College
LaGrange College
Lindsey Wilson College
McKendree University
McMurry University
Methodist University
Millsaps College
North Carolina Wesleyan University
North Central College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma City University
Otterbein University
Paine College
Pfeiffer University

Philander Smith University
Randolph-Macon College
Reinhardt University
Rust College
Shenandoah University
Simpson College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern College
Southwestern University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Tennessee Wesleyan University
Texas Wesleyan University
Union College
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Indianapolis
University of Virginia
University of Wesleyan
University of West Virginia
Wiley University
Wofford College
Young Harris College

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Andrew College
Louisburg College

\$\$ Double Your Dollars Participants

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Meharry Medical College

SENIOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Adrian College
Albright College
American University
Baker University

Bennett College
Boston University
Cornell College
Duke University
Huntingdon College
Lebanon Valley College
Lycoming College
Morningside University

Nebraska Methodist College
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Rocky Mountain College
Syracuse University
University of Puget Sound
University of the Pacific
Willamette University

PLEASE NOTE: Changes in participants for the 2025-2026 year can happen at any time for various reasons. Award matches and totals are not guaranteed.

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Recipients will be chosen from all eligible applications received. Awards should be announced in early June. Every application may not be awarded a scholarship. All applicant funds not awarded will be returned to the sponsoring churches after July 1 (or 30 days after the church check is received if after July 1). UMHEF will transfer award funds to the recipient's school in the fall (usually mid-November) after verification of full-time enrollment is received (form to be provided when recipient is notified of scholarship award).

An answer must be provided for every question. **Incomplete applications will not be eligible.**

BIOGRAPHY & PHOTOGRAPH

On a separate sheet of paper, please list your involvement in church and community service-related activities and affix, along with a recent photograph of yourself, to the application when mailing in.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Full Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
first middle last

Student's Social Security # _____ Birthday ____/____/____

Student's Permanent Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Student's E-mail (*this is the main way we communicate with you*) _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Mobile/Cell) _____

Ethnic Group: ☐ African-American ☐ Asian ☐ Caucasian ☐ Latin American/Hispanic
☐ Native American/Alaskan ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ African ☐ Other _____

Parent's Name(s) _____ Parent's Phone _____

Parent's Mailing Address _____ Parent's E-mail _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

UM-Related School You Will Attend: _____ School City/State _____

Classification for 2025 Fall Semester:

Undergraduate: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Seminary/Graduate/Professional: ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third

What degree are you seeking? (*e.g. BA, BS, MA, MDiv, DMin*) _____ Major _____

Current GPA (most recent transcript) _____

SPONSORING CHURCH INFORMATION

Sponsoring Church (official name): _____ Phone _____

To which denomination does your church belong?

☐ The United Methodist Church ☐ African Methodist Episcopal Church ☐ AME Zion Church

☐ Christian Methodist Episcopal Church ☐ My church disaffiliated from The UMC

Church Mailing Address _____

Street Address or PO Box

City

State/ZIP

Pastor's Name _____ E-mail _____

Pastor's _____ Signature _____

Annual Conference, if United Methodist _____

Is the attached money from: ☐ A special collection? ☐ From funds held by the church? ☐ Other?

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

By submitting this application, you give UMHEF permission to use your statement and/or photograph in print or digitally (e.g. public relations materials) to promote the Foundation, and to release contact information to external church-related sources (e.g. conference foundations, annual conference newspapers).

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

FINAL IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2025 and must be received via standard mail postmarked no later than April 1, 2025 with the exception of applications from students planning to enroll in a two-year UM-related college, which may be received with a postmark no later than June 1, 2025. If possible, you are encouraged to submit your application at least one month prior to the deadline to allow for early processing. No awards will be announced prior to June 1, 2025.

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS

Awarded funds are generally distributed to schools by mid-November of the Fall semester. Please know that we will contact you if there is an issue with your award. Due to a high volume of inquiries, we may be unable to confirm when your award has been sent to your school.

This form may be reproduced. Faxes will not accepted. Applications may also be submitted online or downloaded from www.umhef.org. If you have questions, send an email to umhefscholarships@umhef.org or call 615-649-3990 (or toll free 1-800-811-8110).

Mail completed application and required documents to:

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United Methodist Higher Education Foundation
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Nashville, TN 37203-0005**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

UMHEF's Scholarship Review Committee will NOT consider incomplete applications. Before mailing your application papers, be sure you can check off each of the following questions to eliminate delays and the possibility of your application not being reviewed.

- ☐ I have answered every question or written a response in each blank.
- ☐ I have included my biography and photograph.
- ☐ I am aware of the deadline date of April 1, 2025 (*June 1, 2025 if I am planning to enroll in a 2-year college*)
- ☐ I have signed my application.
- ☐ I have obtained my pastor's signature and included a \$1,000 check from my church.
- ☐ I understand that, if I am awarded, my funds will be sent to my school by mid-November 2025.

How Did You Hear About Us?

- ☐ Church Pastor or Youth Minister
- ☐ Parent or Relative
- ☐ UMHEF Website/Promotion
- ☐ School
- ☐ Other: _____

UMHEF SCHOLARSHIP PRIVACY POLICY

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation ("the Foundation"/ "UMHEF"), maintains the highest level of confidentiality with respect to information provided on your scholarship application(s). Members of the Foundation staff and Scholarship Review Committee, who are chosen from members of our Board of Trustees, are the only individuals who have knowledge of the names of the scholarship applicants. The Foundation may share your scholarship application information with these persons as well as your church, high school, college, and/or university, and, when applicable, United Methodist conference foundations (collectively "third parties"). This limited sharing of your application information is used by the Foundation to help process your application, perform statistical analysis, send correspondence, provide student support, or to arrange for deliveries of scholarship funds and other related materials. Such third parties are prohibited from using your personal information except in performance of their services for the Foundation relating to your scholarship application, and all third parties are required to maintain the confidentiality of your information.

The Foundation adheres to procedures for saving/filing scholarship applications, both digital and paper, that maintain the highest level of privacy to protect your personal information. UMHEF undergoes annual audits by an outside firm to confirm adherence to these policies.

UMHEF does not sell, trade, or exchange your scholarship application information. Scholarship application visitors to the UMHEF website are not tracked in any way by the Foundation. From time to time, the names of scholarship recipients may be listed in press releases, on social media posts, and on the Foundation website. As indicated on your scholarship application, you have the option of giving UMHEF permission to use your name in Foundation communications. You may opt out at any time by reaching out to our Director of Communications & Public Relations.