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INTRODUCTION

The following is a synopsis of scholarships available through the United Methodist Ministry. Note, although some references to theology scholarships have been omitted, the information is available on the referenced websites.

GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY (GBHEM)

[<https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/>]

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) scholarship application opens in January of each year. You can only submit one application per year where it will be screened for all possible eligible programs. You may indicate on the first page of the scholarship application which of the below listed programs you would most like to be considered for. Award amounts below are a general estimate of awards given.

Scholarship programs are divided into three categories:

- GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS (16)
- RACIAL-ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIPS (15)
- MINISTRY AS A CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS (20)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **General Scholarship Application** — Undergrad \$500 – \$1,000; graduate \$500 – \$2,000
For undergraduate or graduate level students with a minimum of one year of active membership in the UMC and a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **Allan J. Burry Scholarship** — \$1,000
For undergraduates (incoming freshmen NOT eligible) who have been a member of the UMC for at least three years. Applicants should be active leaders in a United Methodist-related campus ministry and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The application will require a specific nomination from the United Methodist campus minister.
- **David W. Self** — \$1,000
Designated for graduating high school seniors entering their first year of undergraduate study. Applicants must have one year active membership in the UMC, be enrolled in a full-time degree program at any accredited institution, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be pursuing a church-related career.
- **E. Craig Brandenburg** — \$1,000 – \$2,000
For applicants over age 35 at any degree level. Preference will be given to students changing to a second career.
- **Esther Edwards** — \$5,000
Designated for a female administrator or faculty member pursuing a Ph.D. in leadership working for a United Methodist-related institution.
- **The Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope Scholarship** — \$1,000
Designated for undergraduates with at least three years of membership in the UMC. Applicants should be very active in UMC leadership and have minimum 3.0 GPA.
- **Miriam Hoffman Scholarship** — \$500 – \$1,000
Designated for any grade level student pursuing a vocational career in music education or music ministry. Applicants must have at least one year of membership in the UMC and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

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GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

RACIAL-ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Bishop John W. Hamilton Scholarship** — \$500
Designated for African American female students and preference will be given to orphans. Applicants must be full, active members of the UMC for at least one year and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Preference will also be given to students enrolled in one of the UMC's historically black colleges/universities.
- **Blanche M. Hubbard Scholarship** — \$600
Designated for African American students enrolled in one of the UM
- **Ethnic Scholarship** — \$500 – \$900
Designated for racial-ethnic minority undergraduates who have been a member of the UMC for at least one year and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **Dorothea H. and Raymond Dier Scholarship** — \$500-\$2000
Designated for African American students attending a UM related HBCU (Bennett College; Bethune Cookman; Claflin University; Clark Atlanta; Dillard University; Huston Tillotson University; Meharry Medical; Paine College; Philander Smith; Rust College). Applicants must have at least one year of membership in the UMC and a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **HANA Scholars** — \$1,000 – \$3,000
Designated for persons of Hispanic, Asian and/or Native American ethnicity who are in their junior year of undergraduate study or higher, including up to the doctorate level. Applicants must have at least three years of membership in the UMC and a minimum 2.85 GPA.
- **Richard S. Smith** — \$1,000
Designated for racial-ethnic minority, graduating high school seniors entering their first year of undergraduate study. Applicants must have at least one year of active membership in the UMC and be pursuing a degree full time at any accredited institution. They must also have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be pursuing a church-related career.

MINISTRY AS A CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/scholarships/list-of-scholarships/#ministry-career>

NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

[\[https://www.nyac.com/scholarships\]](https://www.nyac.com/scholarships)

- **Gloster B. Current Scholarship**
This scholarship was established in memory of Gloster B. Current, Sr. to encourage young persons of African descent to pursue careers in public service such as the ministry, social work, health care or government service. The applicant must attend an accredited institution of higher education, have leadership potential, financial need and be recommended by a pastor of a United Methodist Church.
- **New York Education Society Fellowship Program**
The NYES Fellows and Scholars scholarship assistance supports NYAC students attending an accredited college, university, technical, professional or graduate school. Awards typically range from \$500 to \$1000 for each academic year. Priority is given to 1) first-time applicants, 2) students entering helping professions, and 3) those actively involved in local UMC/campus ministry programs.

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NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS (CONTINUED)

- **Rev. Dr. William M. James Family Fund Scholarship**

The Rev. Dr. William M. James Family Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the generosity of his friends after his passing. Dr. James had hoped that this scholarship would be able to encourage young people who aspire to be agents for the transformation of the world.

Limited funds are available for those persons who will be attending an accredited institution of higher education, have leadership potential and some level of financial need.

They must be recommended by their pastor, a lay person who is a leader in the local church, and a teacher or professor.

UNITED METHODIST HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION (UMHEF)

[<https://umhef.org/>]

The UMHEF aims to make higher education financially possible for the leaders of tomorrow. Since 1965, UMHEF has been a leader in church-related foundations and agencies in providing scholarship support to qualifying students attending the 100+ United Methodist-related higher education institutions. UMHEF receives no apportionment funds from The United Methodist Church, which makes the generous support of donors like you even more vital to the life of this ministry.

Paying for college can be stressful. For many families, affording higher education is the number one factor when deciding which school a student will attend. UMHEF scholarships help make it financially possible for qualifying students to obtain higher education, especially those attending United Methodist-related institutions. In rare cases, awards are also given to students attending other schools.

- **GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**

. . . program includes awards of varying amounts from 130+ named scholarship funds established by various donors. These traditionally competitive awards consider GPA, income, leadership, etc. Unlike the UM Dollars for Scholars program, General Named Endowed Scholarships do not require matching funds from a student's church.

- **SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

- \$5,000 HBCU Scholarships
- Elliott-Glass Scholarship for Deaf, Deafened, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing
- Chaplain Samuel Grover Powell Scholarship
- University of Tennessee Southern (Martin Methodist)

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- **UNITED METHODIST DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

... involves matching support from a student's church, UMHEF, as well as participating United Methodist-related schools and UMC conference foundations. Awards may total up to \$4,000. Funds are limited at each matching level; awards and totals are not guaranteed.

A list of Participating Foundations & Schools is available at ...
https://umhef.org/uploads/2022/01/dfs_listofparticipants2022.pdf

- ▶ **\$\$ DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS**

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (1),
SENIOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (18)

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**

SEMINARIES & THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS (16),
SENIOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (64),
TWO-YEAR COLLEGES (2)

Students attending United Methodist-related institutions 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. These schools are listed as Triple Your Dollars participants. Contact your school's financial aid office for information about how their matching award will be granted.

Matched funds from "Triple Your Dollars" 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, thus 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.

- ▶ **\$\$\$\$ QUADRUPLE YOUR DOLLARS**

At the **QUADRUPLE YOUR DOLLARS LEVEL** (24), participating United Methodist conference foundations 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. These foundations are listed as Quadruple Your Dollars participants.

Matched funds from "Quadruple Your Dollars" participants are not guaranteed. Foundations may have a limit to the number of awards they can match in any given year. UMHEF cannot guarantee a quadruple match, thus the total amount of your award may vary.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an active, full member of The United Methodist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, AME Zion Church, or Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for at least one year prior to applying. If your church has disaffiliated from The UMC and you have received a UMHEF award in the past, please contact us about reapplying.
- Preference is given to students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time degree program (graduate or undergraduate) at a regionally accredited United Methodist-related college, university, or seminary in the United States. In rare cases, students attending non-UM-related schools may also be awarded.
- For those applying for the UM Dollars for Scholars program, you must be attending a school that participates in the program.
- At this time, Doctoral (including PhD and any other doctorate-level program) candidates are not eligible.
- International students, for which a very limited amount of scholarship funds are available, may apply using this International Student Application for students outside of the US. Preference is given to international students attending UM-related schools within the US.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

- Award checks are typically mailed out by mid-November.
- A student may receive GBHEM scholarships for up to seven award years maximum. Applicants will not be considered for an eighth academic year for a GBHEM scholarship.
- Students may receive only ONE scholarship from UMHEF per year.
- Students may apply for both of our main scholarships (General Named Endowed and UM Dollars for Scholars) and will receive the largest award for which they qualify.
- All awards are made for the fall term each year.
- UMHEF will transfer award funds to the recipient's school in the fall after verification of full-time enrollment is received. It is the recipient's responsibility to request and ensure that their registrar's office sends verification of their enrollment to UMHEF no later than October 1. A reminder about this requirement is sent with award notifications.
- Scholarships offered by GBHEM are separate from those offered by the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF). You are welcome to apply for awards from both GBHEM and UMHEF but must submit separate applications provided by each office. UMHEF scholarship opportunities are for students enrolled in United Methodist related institutions only.