



STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

(All Scholarship applicants must be active UM church members for at least one year)

Scholarships for Undergraduates (with any career objective)

A. STUDENTS ATTENDING UNITED METHODIST SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (see listing of these schools at www.gbhem.org)

1. **General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) Scholarships**
Scholarships are available from the General Church and are awarded each year. Applications are to be made online at <http://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships>. Applications accepted January 3-March 1, 2017. Persons will be selected from this application process to receive Susquehanna Conference Merit Scholarships, which are funded from proceeds of our Conference Student Day Offerings. Special interest and ethnic minority scholarships are available.
2. **United Methodist Allocation Program** – United Methodist schools, colleges and seminaries receive direct scholarship money from GBHEM. The schools determine these scholarships. Contact your financial aid office for more information.
3. **Albright College Scholarship Program**
Albright College in Reading PA has a United Methodist Award, given to freshmen who enroll at Albright College and are active members of the United Methodist Church. Details are available from Albright College. Students interested in receiving this Award must submit a letter from their minister indicating that they are active members of the church. Letters should be sent to: Albright College, Admission Office, P.O. Box 15234, Reading PA 19612-5234. The scholarship deadline is March 1. Students who apply to Albright may also apply for #1 above.
4. **United Methodist Foundation for Higher Education Scholarships**
 - a. **Double Your Dollars for Scholars** – a matching scholarship for students at UM schools. A local church contributes \$1,000 matched by the Foundation. For more information, access this website: http://www.umhef.org/online_applications/umdfs
 - b. **United Methodist Foundation Scholarships**
United Methodist schools receive direct scholarship money from the United Methodist Foundation. The schools distribute these scholarships. Contact your financial aid office for more information.
5. **Local Church Scholarships**
Some churches offer a college scholarship program. Contact your church.

B. STUDENTS ATTENDING NON-UNITED METHODIST SCHOOLS

(Includes all other accredited public and private academic institutions)

1. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry – scholarships for students at non-United Methodist schools.

Among these scholarships are The Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope scholarship program, which provides scholarships of up to \$1,000 to students who show high academic ability and strong leadership potential in the life of the church. Also there are some “United Methodist General Scholarships” which are available to students at non-UM schools. These scholarships are provided in part by the money given to the Student Day Offering. Students must apply online between January 4 and March 1 at www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarship-applications

2. Local Church Scholarships

Many churches provide scholarships. Contact your church.

C. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PRE-MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

1. Susquehanna Conference Certified Candidates who attend a school approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and who meet grade point average guidelines can receive significant aid from the Conference Student Aid Fund. Contact Rev. Nicholas Keeney at nkeeney@susumc.org
2. Susquehanna Conference Certified Candidates who attend Wesley, Drew, United, Garrett-Evangelical and Duke seminaries may attend tuition free through the 50/50 Match agreement that includes loan forgiveness in exchange for full-time pastoral service after graduation. Contact Rev. Nicholas Keeney at nkeeney@susumc.org
3. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) provides scholarships for ministerial candidates especially at United Methodist seminaries. www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarship-applications
4. Local churches often provide scholarship assistance to ministerial sons and daughters.

D. LOANS (for students with any career objective – undergraduate and graduate students)

The United Methodist Student Loan Fund provides small low interest loans to UM students at any accredited school. These can be used for tuition and fees. Go to the Website for more information and to complete an on-line application: www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarship-applications