

SCHOLARSHIPS

The UM Scholarship program awards members of the church who are pursuing higher education, from incoming college freshmen through doctoral level students. With our general online application, a student may be considered for any of 70 possible scholarship programs.

The following are **standard criteria** for EVERY scholarship program offered through GBHEM.

Applicants must be:

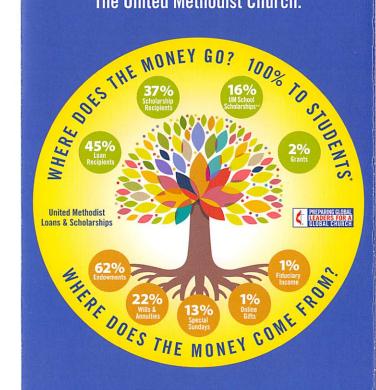
- An ACTIVE, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least ONE year. Membership is determined by the date the applicant was confirmed and took membership vows with a United Methodist church. (Members of other Methodist denominations are not eligible.)
- Pursuing a degree program at ANY accredited institution within the U.S.
- Maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Full-time students according to their school's standards for the program for which they are enrolled.

Additional information:

International applicants are eligible to apply IF they are a member of The United Methodist Church (Central Conference or within the U.S.) for at least 3 years prior to application AND they will be enrolled in a United Methodist-related institution WITHIN the U.S. during the term they are applying.

To apply, visit www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication.

GBHEM Loans and Scholarships is a churchwide educational service providing financial assistance to members of The United Methodist Church.



*100% = \$5.5 million average total awards per year

**UM-related schools, colleges, universities, theological schools and preparatory schools select students who receive scholarships.

How does GBHEM Loans and Scholarships cover operational expenses each year?

Loans and Scholarships INCOME

Interest collected from loan payments

by borrowers (collections)

47.00%

Interest earnings from Loan invested endowment funds Apportionment / World Service funds 53.00% 0.00%

LOANS

Students may borrow up to \$5,000 per calendar year from the UM Student Loan Fund. Credit-worthy cosigners are required for all loans. Current interest rates for the UM Student Loans are:

5% for a deferred loan if attending a non-UM school

4% for a deferred loan if attending a UM school

3.75% for a non-deferred loan

Loan recipient eligibility:

- Borrower must be an active, full member of a United Methodist church for at least one year prior to application. Membership is determined by the date the applicant was confirmed and took membership vows with a United Methodist church. (Members of other Methodist denominations are not eligible.)
- Borrower must be at least 18.
- Borrower must be enrolled in an accredited school at least half-time.
- Borrower must maintain at least a C average.
- Borrower must have a cosigner for this loan. The cosigner will be contacted and required to complete a portion of the application.

To apply for a United Methodist Student Loan, visit www.gbhem.org/loanapplication.



DONATE

Donate to a student by participating in any of these three "Special Sundays with Offering" at your local church.

- Student Day
- World Communion Sunday
- Native American Ministry Sunday

To donate, visit

http://www.umcgiving.org/how-we-give#sundays

OR

Give online to one of the endowments administered and awarded each year by GBHEM Loans and Scholarships:

- Gift of Hope Scholarships to undergraduate student who are already leaders in The United Methodist Church and who will continue to lead once they graduate
- Special Seminary Scholarship Scholarships to young seminarians enrolled in one of the United Methodist seminaries who are pursuing ministry as an ordained elder or deacon of the church.
- Women of Color Scholars Program Scholarships to women of color who are pursuing a doctoral degree for a career in theological education and religious studies within The United Methodist Church.

To donate, visit www.gbhem.org/donate4students





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For additional scholarship opportunities for United Methodist members: http://scholarships.umc.org

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