



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

### 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](http://www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication).**



\*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	53.00%
Apportionment / World Service funds	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](http://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](http://www.gbhem.org/donate4students)



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



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