



## LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### **I attended a United Methodist church all or most of my life, do I qualify for a scholarship?**

You must be a confirmed member of The United Methodist Church. Membership is determined by the date the applicant was confirmed and took membership vows with a United Methodist church.

Domestic applicants must be active, full members of the United Methodist Church for at least one year. Three years of membership are required for international applicants. Membership will be verified.

### **May I apply for more than one scholarship?**

**No.** When the online application is completed, a scan will be run, and you will be considered for all programs for which you may be eligible.

### **If I am an international student, may I apply for a scholarship?**

**YES**, if you meet the requirements for international student borrowing. Review the requirements here.

### **Is there a scholarship for a pastor's dependent/child?**

While there is no specific scholarship for clergy dependents, they can apply for other UM scholarships. Many UM related colleges and universities have scholarships and tuition discounts specifically for clergy dependents.

### **Are scholarships funded by church apportionments?**

**NO.** Funding comes from Special Sunday offerings (UM Student Day, World Communion Sunday, and Native American Ministries Sunday), restricted endowments, wills and annuities, and other special donations/gifts.

### **May I apply if I am not certain about what higher education school to attend?**

**YES**, please list the school you are most likely to attend. Once a decision is made you should update the office by email at [umscholar@gbhem.org](mailto:umscholar@gbhem.org).

### **Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship?**

Applicants must meet the general scholarship criteria found here to be considered for any program offered through GBHEM.

### **How do I update my contact information or college name?**

Address, email and college name can be updated on the application form until the application deadline. After the application deadline, this information can be updated on the "Profile" page at [aim.applyists.com](http://aim.applyists.com).

### **What are the selection criteria for scholarships?**

An independent selection committee will evaluate the applications and will select the recipients based upon restricted criteria as set by the initial endowment or program being reviewed.

# **GBHEM Loans and Scholarship FAQ – Continued**

## **How and when will I receive scholarship notification?**

Notifications are sent via email to recipients and applicants not selected to receive an award approximately three months after the final deadline. Add [info@applyists.com](mailto:info@applyists.com) to your email address book or “safe senders list” so these important emails are not sent to your junk mail folder. Do not “opt out” of any email sent from [info@applyists.com](mailto:info@applyists.com). If you do, you may not receive vital information regarding your scholarship application.

## **What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient?**

You must provide a verification of enrollment form for the fall term. You must enroll in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded and return a verification of enrollment to claim your scholarship check.

## **How and when are scholarships issued?**

Your scholarship check will be mailed **after September 1** upon receipt of a class schedule, verification or a proof of enrollment from your institution. All checks will be made payable to the school and will be mailed directly to the college and/or university.

## **Are scholarships taxable?**

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition or textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against your scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax adviser for more guidance. You may also consult IRS Publication 970 for further information.

## **Do I need to attend a United Methodist school to apply for a scholarship?**

NO, but you must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education. However, you may be eligible for more scholarship programs when enrolled in a United Methodist related institution. Some programs are awarded based on the institution attended. Students who transfer from one institution to another must verify the criteria for the award received to determine if the award may be retained.

## **Do I need to be going into the ministry to receive a scholarship?**

**NO!**

## **Are part-time students eligible for a scholarship?**

Scholarship recipients should be enrolled full-time and pursuing a degree at an accredited institution; however, committees may consider part-time applicants under extenuating circumstances. Try.

## **Do I have to reapply each year for a loan and/or scholarship?**

**YES**, an applicant must apply separately for a loan and a scholarship each year. Students may reapply each year as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

## **How many awards can a student receive from the office of Loans and Scholarships?**

A student may receive GBHEM scholarships for a maximum of seven years. Renewal applicants will not be considered for an eighth academic year for GBHEM scholarships.

<https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships>

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## PLEASE CONGRATULATE SAINT MATTHEWS' 2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS UMC General Board of Higher Education Ministry Scholarships:

Fleemejah Brewer

FRESHMAN AND PRE-MED MAJOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL  
AMOUNT GRANTED - \$1,000.00 - ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIP

Jayna Elise Morrison

JUNIOR AND NURSING MAJOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE  
AMOUNT GRANTED - \$1,000.000 – ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIP

Christian Willis (SMUMC's first GBHEM male recipient)

SENIOR AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAJOR AT NC APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
AMOUNT GRANTED - \$1,000.000 – ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIP

ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FUNDED 35% BY COMMUNION SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING NORMALLY IN OCTOBER, PLEASE GIVE),  
OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS ARE AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS, PLEASE  
REVIEW THE MANY TYPES AVAILABLE, SELECT THE ONE MOST SUITABLE FOR YOU AND APPLY EARLY.  
THE SAINT MATTHEWS FAMILY STANDS WITH YOU IN PRAYER<sup>4</sup>

THE UNITED WOMAN IN FAITH OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND BENNETT, , BREVARD, GREENSBORO, HIGH POINT, AND  
PFEIFFER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. APPLY AT [HTTPS://WWW.WNCCUMW.SCHOLARSHIP](https://www.wnccumw.scholarship). DUE DATE IS **MARCH 1. 2023**

**FYI:** THE STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF NC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FINANCIAL NEED, MERIT, MEMBER ONLY, RETIREE  
GRANDCHILD FOR FINANCIAL NEED AND MERIT. AND A LEADERSHIP NC SCHOLARSHIP.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Applications are available on <a href="http://www.seanc.org/scholarship">www.seanc.org/scholarship</a> and are accepted by the district scholarship chairperson	JANUARY.
Applications must be postmarked by this date and mailed to the district scholarship chairperson.	APRIL 15
Statewide judging week	MAY
State winners and non-winners are notified	JULY
State winner checks are mailed to schools	AUGUST

**HELP MAYBE ON THE WAY WHEN YOU ACCESS THIS LINK TO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS;**

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/academic-scholarships-and-merit-scholarships/>