UNITED METHODIST
HIGHER EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

Quick Reference Guide

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The *grand vision* of UMHEF is that it be economically possible for any qualified United Methodist student to be educated at a UM-related institution of higher education.

We are a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We operate separately from The United Methodist Church and, despite common misconception and congenial relations, UMHEF is not affiliated with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM).

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General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
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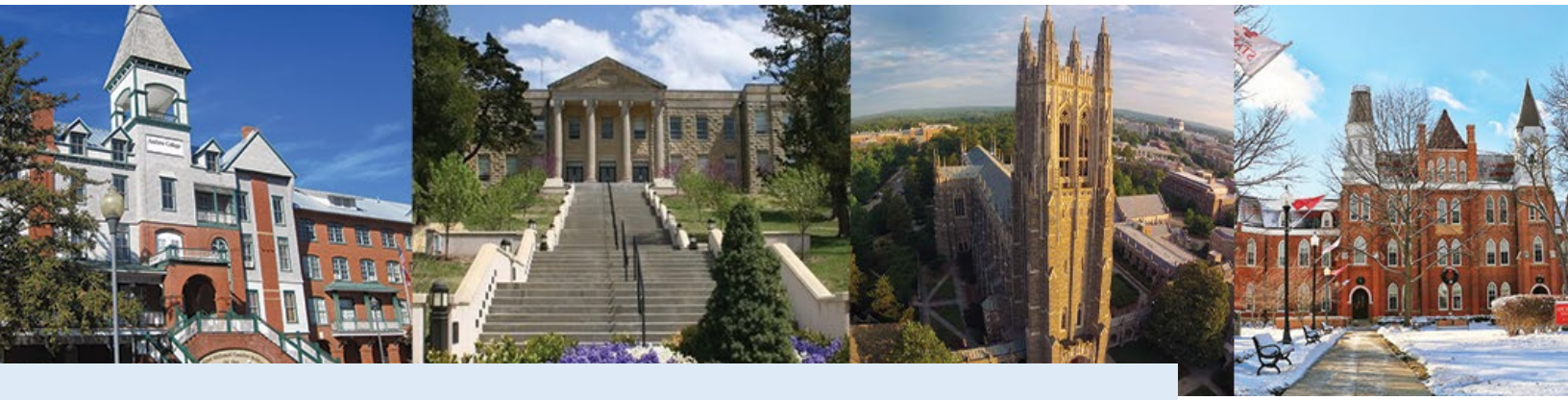
UMHEF NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- UMHEF supports students at **100+** UM-related colleges, universities, and theological seminaries
- UMHEF awards more than **$2 MILLION** in scholarships to **1,000 STUDENTS** every year
- UMHEF donors give **$1.5 MILLION+** annually



UMHEF PARTNERS

- 100+ UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries
- Dozens of United Methodist Conference Foundations
- United Methodist Churches
- UM Leaders and Generous Donors

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

UMHEF Applicants Must Be:

- An active, full member of a UMC for at least a year
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time degree program at a regionally accredited higher educational institution in the US; high priority given to students at UM-related schools
- Additional criteria may apply to some endowed fund scholarships

A Few Additional Notes:

- ✓ Awards are open to incoming freshman through graduate students
- ✓ Doctoral students are not eligible at this time
- ✓ Limited awards are available for international students; these students should apply using the General Named Endowed application (may change in 2022; we will communicate about any new applications)
- ✓ Awarded funds are sent directly to the school and must be used for tuition, room/board, or other fees paid through a student account; funds may not be paid back to the student.

UMHEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

UM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Involves ***matching support*** from a student's church, UMHEF, as well as participating UM-related schools and UM conference foundation.

- Begins with a $1,000 scholarship from a student's UM church
- UMHEF may match that for a total of $2,000
- Triple-Your-Dollars participating schools may match up to $1,000 for an award total of up to $3,000
- Quadruple-Your-Dollars participating UM Conference Foundations may match up to $1,000 for an award total of up to $4,000
- UMHEF advertises that funds are limited at each level of matching and are not guaranteed
- Recipients must reapply every year
- If your school is not currently a UM Dollars for Scholars partner and you would like more information, please contact Jamie Cook at jcook@umhef.org or 614-649-3974

PLEASE NOTE!

For legal purposes and to avoid confusion with a different national program with a similar name, please always refer to this UMHEF program as either "United Methodist Dollars for Scholars" or "UM Dollars for Scholars." Thank you!

GENERAL NAMED ENDOWED AWARDS

Includes awards of various amounts from ***130+ named scholarship funds*** established by various donors.

- One application applies student for ALL named endowed scholarships!
- UMHEF will match applicant with award(s) for which they qualify
- Some funds may have additional criteria
- Does not require any funds from applicant's church
- **In some cases, these awards can offer a student more than the UM Dollars for Scholars program, so encourage students to apply for both programs!**

OTHER FEATURED SCHOLARSHIPS

$5,000 HBCU Scholarships

These scholarships are available to UM students attending a UM-related HBCU school. Students should apply using the General Named Endowed application. A limited number of $5,000 awards are available each year; not guaranteed.

Chaplain Samuel Grover Powell Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students preparing for chaplaincy in a branch of the US military at an accredited seminary. A separate application is provided for this award on our website.

Elliott-Glass Scholarship for Deaf, Deafened, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing

This grant is intended for persons mentioned above who are pursing seminary education and wish to be prepared for specialized ministries in church including, but not restricted to, those seeking ordination.

Additional Information at UMHEF.org/scholarships/otherscholarships

UM Foundation Merit Scholarships

These annual awards are available to students attending a UM-related theological school/seminary. Schools are invited to nominate up to 3 recipients for consideration by October 1 every year. Contact Jamie Cook for more information.

UMHEF APPLICATION & AWARD PROCESS

Applications are Accepted January 1 – March 1 at UMHEF.ORG/APPLY

Exceptions:

Students attending Andrew College and Louisburg College (2-year schools) may apply for the UM Dollars for Scholars program through June 1.

Some of our "Other Scholarships" have extended deadlines.

UMHEF reserves the right to announce application extensions and will be sure to communicate those with you.

Other Important Notes:

- Online applications are submitted via SmarterSelect; paper UM Dollars for Scholars applications also available if needed
- Students may apply for more than one UMHEF scholarship, but will only be awarded one per year; we will match student with highest value award for which they qualify
- Students must reapply every school year
- For General Named Endowed applications, requests are sent electronically through SmarterSelect to school registrar (whose contact is provided by the applicant) with an invitation to upload official transcript. If your institution does not allow third-party or electronic uploads, transcripts may be sent via email to Jamie Cook or mailed directly from school to UMHEF offices if necessary.

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1: Applications & Supporting Materials Due for most awards

MID-MAY: Award notifications sent to applicants via mailed letter

OCTOBER 1: Verification of Enrollment forms due

OCTOBER 1: UM Foundation Merit Nominations Due *(from Seminaries)*

MID-NOVEMBER: Award funds sent to school, varies

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Spread the word to prospective and enrolled students
- ✓ Share information with other key staff
- ✓ Ensure UMHEF information is on school's website and correct
- ✓ Post materials UMHEF sends ahead of open application season, reminders, etc. in school communications when possible

IMPORTANT LINKS

About UMHEF Scholarships: https://www.umhef.org/scholarships/

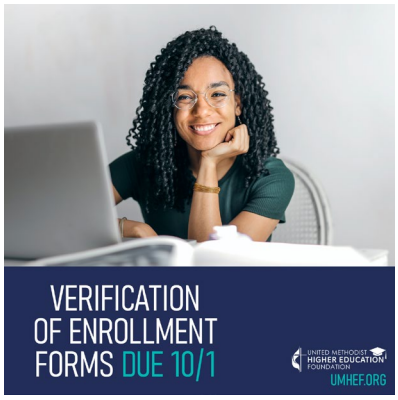
APPLY NOW: https://www.umhef.org/apply/

UM Dollars for Scholars Program: https://www.umhef.org/scholarships/umdfs/

General Named Endowed Scholarships: https://www.umhef.org/scholarships/general/

UMHEF Media Resources: https://www.umhef.org/resources/media-resources/

FAQs: https://www.umhef.org/resources/faqs/



WHAT WILL WE DO?

- ✓ Send you announcements, reminders, and updates
- ✓ Provide ready-to-use digital promotional materials
- ✓ Upon request, provide additional printed promotional materials for your office or special events
- ✓ Be available to assist you and answer questions!

Contact Us!

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Thank You

for your ongoing partnership in educating tomorrow's leaders today.

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