

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**  
**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](http://www.gbhem.org))

**1. Central Pennsylvania Conference Scholarships**

(A small number of scholarships available annually from the proceeds of Student Day Offerings and the UM Foundation) contact the Central PA Conference web site [www.cpcumc.org](http://www.cpcumc.org) to print an application. Deadline is April 30 (students who apply for scholarships from GBHEM – see # 2- may make copies of their General Church application and use it for the Conference program.)

**2. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Scholarships**

(A significant number of scholarships are available from the General Church and are awarded each year.) Contact [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org) and click on “Loans and Scholarships” to obtain a scholarship application. Various deadlines. Also, special interest and ethnic minority scholarships are available through this office.

**3. Albright College Scholarship Program**

Albright College in Reading PA has adopted a United Methodist Award, given to freshmen who enroll at Albright College and are active members of the United Methodist Church. The Award is worth \$10,000 over four years (\$2,500 per year). Students who receive this award are also eligible for other Albright awards and merit scholarships, as well as need-based financial aid. 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 and #2 above.

**3. 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. Applications mailed to each pastor in the fall and must be returned by the deadlines. Annually, hundreds of thousands of matching dollars are available but they go quickly. It is strongly recommended that you overnight the application so that it will arrive exactly on the deadline date. (The church’s check for \$1,000 must be included in the application packet.)

**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.

**4. United Methodist students at UM Schools**

May be eligible for scholarship assistance which the school or the Annual Conference provides to the school. Check with the college financial aid office for information.

**5. Local Church Scholarships**

Many churches provide scholarships. 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 “Gift of Hope” scholarship program, which provides grants of \$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 contact the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) to apply. A pre-application is available on line at: [www.gbhem.org/gbhem/loans2.html](http://www.gbhem.org/gbhem/loans2.html)

Or write:

Office of Loans and Scholarships -The United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 340007  
Nashville, TN 37203-0007

**2. Local Church Scholarships**

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**Scholarships for Pre-Ministerial Candidates**

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) provides scholarships for ministerial candidates especially at United Methodist seminaries. Also, local churches often provide scholarship assistance to ministerial sons and daughters.

Central PA Conference Certified Candidates can receive significant aid from the Conference Student Aid Fund. Contact Rev. Dr. Ronald McElwee at 717-264-7447.

**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 school. These can be used for any educational expenses (including travel and books) Contact the [www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org) web site or write GBHEM for more information.

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS...**

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