

SUSQUEHANNA 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)
- 1. Susquehanna Conference Merit Scholarships**
(A small number of scholarships available annually from the proceeds of Conference Student Day Offerings and the UM Foundation.)
Print an application [here](#). Deadline is April 30. Contact person for more information is: Rev. Eric Funk, 429 N 8th St, Selinsgrove PA 17870-1602 or email him at efunk@susumc.org
 - 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.) Applications are to be made online at www.gbhem.org and click on “Loans and Scholarships.” Various deadlines, but students are encouraged to apply starting in January each year. Be sure to apply well before the posted deadlines as applications are reviewed in order of receipt. 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 \$4,000 over four years (\$1,000 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 up to \$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. Apply online at www.gbhem.org

2. Local Church Scholarships

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C. RACIAL-ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for racial/ethnic scholarship funds are accepted from “persons of racial-ethnic minority background who are affiliated with a United Methodist Church in the Susquehanna Conference.” While most participating students are enrolled in four-year undergraduate programs, there are no restrictions as to major or type of institution. Print application [here](#). Application deadline for 2011-2012 year awards is May 15, 2011. For more information, contact Dr. Milton Loyer, 917 Emily Drive, Mechanicsburg PA 17055
phone: 717-766-0977 email: loyer@lycoming.edu

D. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PRE-MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

1. 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.

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

E. 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 web site or write GBHEM for more information.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS...

about Loans and Scholarships can be directed to: Rev. Eric Funk, 429 N 8th St, Selinsgrove PA 17870-1602 or email him at efunk@susumc.org