



Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any undergraduate or graduate United Methodist or formerly United Methodist student, particularly those within the Holston Conference. Please review the [Higher Education](#) and [Seminary Scholarship](#) Requirements pages for more details.

WHAT SCHOOLS ARE SUPPORTED?

Historically United Methodist schools such as Emory & Henry or Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Official United Methodist theological schools such as Boston School of Theology, Candler School of Theology, Claremont School of Theology, Drew University Theological School, Duke Divinity School, Gammon Theological Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical, Illiff, Methodist Theological School of Ohio, Perkins School of Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology, United Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary

You can find a full list of schools [here](#).

WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION INCLUDE?

The seminary scholarship application includes questions of general demographics and contact, school and ministry, church, and employment and income. A section requires your District Superintendent's contact information for a reference letter and an essay on your call to ministry.

The higher education scholarship application includes questions about general demographics, contact, income, church, and college. Three essay questions in this application cover community service topics, personal activities, financial need, and a personal statement about a page long. You may save and return to all applications.

CAN I SAVE AND GO BACK TO THE APPLICATION?

Yes, applications can be started, saved, and picked back up whenever is convenient. As the application is online, all you have to do is log back into your account with your email and password to access your application.

I'M A SEMINARY STUDENT. WHAT UM SEMINARIES DOES THIS SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

We have a variety of different scholarships for seminary students. Some are focused on Holston Conference schools such as Gammon Theological Seminary, Emory University, or Duke Divinity School while others deal with location or pastoral interest, so if you aren't sure, try and apply!

Other seminary scholarships cover any United Methodist theological school, such as: Boston School of Theology, Candler School of Theology, Claremont School of Theology, Drew University Theological School, Duke Divinity School, Gammon Theological Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical, Illiff, Methodist Theological School of Ohio, Perkins School of Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology, United Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary.



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WHAT OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) offers a number of scholarships for both higher education and seminary students. These scholarships are a **separate application** from the Holston Foundation's.

[Find full details here.](#)

WHAT IS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS?

The Holston Foundation also participates in the Dollars for Scholars program, which offers an opportunity for church's scholarships to be matched by UMHEF, the Holston Foundation, and the college/university for a possible additional \$4,000 in scholarship funds. The program is a **separate application** form the Holston Foundation's. [Find full details here.](#)

HOW DO I FIND MY **SAI**?

You can find out your SAI (Student Aid Index) by completing your FAFSA, then by going to studentaid.gov and logging in to follow the instructions.

WHY DO YOU ASK ABOUT A 5-YEAR COMMITMENT ON THE SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

Some of our scholarships are specifically for Holston Conference students and leaders. The donors who established these scholarships were hopeful about creating servants and ministers for the Holston Conference and having the educated come back and serve their community. One specific scholarship requires a commitment to the Holston Conference for five years.

WHY DO YOU NEED MY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ON THE SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

District Superintendent will be asked to clarify or confirm the applicant's status as a certified candidate for ministry.

CAN I PRINT MY APPLICATION IF I NEED TO?

You can print your completed or unfinished application by logging on to your profile, opening your application, then clicking the "print" option. You may print for your convenience or to have someone look over the application, but please remember that we will only be accepting online applications through Kaleidoscope.

CAN I EDIT MY APPLICATION AFTER ITS SUBMITTED?

No, you cannot change your application once it is submitted. If you have a major issue that needs addressing, please let a Foundation staff member or the Kaleidoscope help team know.