

# CLLIFTONDALE UMC/FOUNDATION and GBHEM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**Cliftondale Foundation Scholarships - \$1000** For undergraduate, graduate students, and entering freshman (preferably with a 3.00 or above average). Grants and financial assistance are also awarded to members of Cliftondale UMC. Georgia United Methodist Foundation will match Cliftondale Foundation scholarships for students attending United Methodist Church related institutions. Contact church office for applications and information.

## **GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION Scholarship FAQ**

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

No, 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.

**Are scholarships funded by church apportionments?**

No, funding comes from Special Sunday offerings (United Methodist Student Day, World Communion Sunday and Native American Ministries Sunday), restricted endowments, wills and annuities, and other special donations/gifts.

**I don't know yet what school I will be attending. May I still apply?**

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).

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **List of Scholarships**

The GBHEM scholarship application opens in January of each year. You can only submit one application per year where it will be screened for all possible eligible programs. You may indicate on the first page of the scholarship application which of the below listed programs you would most like to be considered for. Award amounts below are a general estimate of awards given. Scholarship programs are divided into three categories: [General Scholarships](#), [Racial-Ethnic Scholarships](#), and [Ministry as a Career Scholarships](#).

**General Scholarship Application - Undergrad \$500 - \$1,000; graduate \$500 - \$2,000** For undergraduate or graduate level students with a minimum of one year of active membership in the UMC and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

**David W. Self - \$1,000** Designated for graduating high school seniors entering their first year of undergraduate study. Applicants must have one-year active membership in the UMC, be enrolled in a full-time degree program at any accredited institution, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be pursuing a church-related career.

**E. Craig Brandenburg \$1,000 - \$2,000** For applicants over age 35 at any degree level. Preference will be given to students changing to a second career.

**Esther Edwards \$5,000** - Designated for a female administrator or faculty member pursuing a Ph.D. in leadership working for a United Methodist-related institution.

**The Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope Scholarship \$1,000** Designated for undergraduates with at least three years of membership in the UMC. Applicants should be very active in UMC leadership and have minimum 3.0 GPA.

**Miriam Hoffman Scholarship - \$500 - \$1,000** Designated for any grade level student pursuing a vocational career in music education or music ministry. Applicants must have at least one year of membership in the UMC and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

**Helen and Allen Brown - \$500 - \$1,000** Designated for racial-ethnic minority undergraduates who have been members of the UMC within the Nashville, Tenn., or New Orleans districts for at least three years and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

**Richard S. Smith \$1,000** Designated for racial-ethnic minority, graduating high school seniors entering their first year of undergraduate study. Applicants must have at least one year of active membership in the UMC and be pursuing a degree full time at any accredited institution. They must also have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be pursuing a church-related career.