Each year through the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars (UMDFS) program, the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) provides $1,000 matching scholarships to United Methodist students who have received a $1,000 scholarship from their local United Methodist church to help them attend a United Methodist-related college, university, or seminary. Additional matching funds may be available to eligible applicants through the Triple Your Dollars and/or the Quadruple Your Dollars components of the UMDFS program. The number of available matching scholarships is determined annually. Available matching funds include 25 scholarships designated for Hispanic-, Asian-, and Native-American [HANA] students funded by the UM General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
- Online applications must be submitted between January 1 and March 1.
- Online applications from students planning to enroll in a two-year UM-related junior college may be submitted until June 1.

ELIGIBILITY
- Applicant must be planning to enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the coming academic year at a United Methodist-related college, university, or seminary.
- Applicant must be an active member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year.
- Doctoral (PhD) candidates are not eligible.

APPLICATION PROCESS
- After submitting the online application, applicants will receive a confirmation email that includes a form, which the student and the pastor of the sponsoring church must sign. This signed form must be mailed to the UMHEF along with a check from the sponsoring church for exactly $1,000 payable to UMHEF (no personal checks) and postmarked no later than March 1.
- Churches may sponsor an unlimited number of applicants for the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars program.

AWARD
- If the number of applications received exceeds available funds, recipients will be chosen randomly from all eligible applications received. All applicant checks not awarded will be returned to the sponsoring churches. No awards will be made prior to May 1.
- UMHEF will transfer award funds to the recipient’s school in the fall after verification of full-time enrollment is received from the school’s registrar’s office. It is the recipient’s responsibility, after
arriving at school in the fall, to request the school’s registrar’s office to send verification of their enrollment to UMHEF. Award checks will not be mailed out until after mid-October.

- Recipients who do not enroll for the fall semester in a UM-related school must inform UMHEF in writing so that we can return their church’s funds.

TRIPLE YOUR DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Students attending United Methodist-related institutions that have agreed to participate in the Triple Your Dollars component of the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars program will receive $1,000 in matching funds directly from the school for a total award of $3,000. These schools are listed as Triple Your Dollars participants. Recipients should contact their institution’s financial aid office for specific information about how their matching award will be granted.

PARTICIPATING PARTNERS

The following institutions are participating in the Triple Your Dollars portion of this program by agreeing to provide $1,000 in matching funds to their students for a total award of $3,000 to scholarship recipients:

Two Year Colleges
Andrew College
Hiwassee College
Louisburg College
Spartanburg Methodist College