

The Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry
Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry for the Florida Conference (BHECM) offers two scholarships to active United Methodist Church members who will be in college or seminary this year. They are the **Conference Merit Award** and the **McMurray Award**.

The **Conference Merit Award** must be given to a Florida United Methodist student who plans to attend or attends a United Methodist-related college, university or seminary. This scholarship is now awarded and managed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville, website www.gbhem.org.

The **McMurray Award** may be given to a Florida United Methodist student who plans to attend or attends any institution of higher education. This scholarship is awarded and managed by the BHECM. Please follow the link below for its application.

For the **McMurray Award**, the BHECM scholarship committee will review the applications and base their decision on grade point average, community and church service, career choices, recommendations, student's comments and financial need. For the past several years, the scholarship committee has awarded four to six scholarships of \$500 each. We hope to do that again this year. The annual BHECM Scholarship Offering Day (United Methodist Student Day Sunday) has been overlooked in many churches and our scholarship fund has dwindled drastically. Please promote the offering in your church to ensure that we can help more students. UM Student Day Sunday is the last Sunday in November each year.

Please, only one application per church, per year may be submitted. Students who received Florida Conference BHECM scholarships previously are not eligible to apply again.

Other scholarships in addition to those mentioned above are available through the General Board of Higher Education in Nashville, website www.gbhem.org. The **Dollars for Scholars** matching scholarship should be listed there soon. The church must write a check for \$1,000 that will be matched by GBHEM in a lottery drawing for 300 students. The application cannot be postmarked before the due date and when they reach 300 (usually on the second day) the scholarship drawing ends.

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McMurray Award Scholarship Information

McMURRAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The McMurray Award Scholarship is a private scholarship fund that will be given to a college student who is a member of a United Methodist church in the Florida Conference. United Methodist churches are invited to nominate one student (no more) for the McMurray Award Scholarship. The student must meet the criteria given below.

APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Be an active full-time member of a local United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to the date of application.
2. Be nominated by a local church through its pastor or the chairperson of Higher Education & Campus Ministry (or campus ministry liaison).
3. Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Incoming freshman must have a grade average of B (3.0) or better at the end of the next to the last semester in high school. Students already attending college must have a grade average of B (3.0) or better for the year preceding the award.
4. Demonstrate commitment to the local church and an interest in serving others in the community.
5. Demonstrate financial need.
6. Be a US citizen.

Those who have already received one of these scholarships may not apply again.

McMurray Award Scholarship Application may be downloaded ([CLICK HERE](#))

Or you may request an application from:

Scholarships
450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave,
Lakeland, FL 33815
(863) 688-5563 Ext.132
slingle@flumc.org

The application, **with transcripts and nomination forms** must be returned to the Conference office (address above) **no later than May 30.**

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MCMURRAY AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Mail the completed application **and** nomination form to the address below.

An original certified copy of your academic transcripts from high schools and colleges is also required to be mailed to the address below.

BHECM Scholarships
Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church
450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave,
Lakeland, FL 33815

Incoming freshman must have a grade average of B (3.0) or better at the end of the next to the last semester in high school; college students must have a grade average of B (3.0) or better for the year preceding the award. Please apply **only** if you have a 3.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. **APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 30.** Applicants are responsible for making sure that the application and transcripts are received at the above address. These are one time only scholarships: Previous winners are not eligible.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

_____ **PHONE #** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **SOCIAL SECURITY #** _____

SEX: Male _____ Female _____ **FULL-TIME STUDENT:** Yes _____ No _____

CLASSIFICATION (fall): Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

ETHNIC GROUP: African American ____ Asian ____ Caucasian ____ Hispanic ____
Native American ____ Pacific Islander ____ Biracial ____ Other ____

NAME & ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE NOW ATTENDING: _____

COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN THE FALL _____

Are you a US Citizen? _____

Please give the name, city and state, GPA and dates attended for the following:

	Name	City, State	Degree	G.P.A
High School				
College/University				
Community College				

(Use additional pages if needed)

Church, Community and School involvement: _____

Extra curricular activities: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Service/Leadership: _____

Are you employed? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, where? Company/firm address:

Are you independent? _____ Or dependent? _____
(Claimed by parents for income tax purposes)

List names and relationships of members of your family attending college in the coming academic year: _____

Annual family income of: (check one)

_____ Parents _____ Guardian _____ Spouse _____ Student
_____ \$0 – 12,500 _____ \$12,500 – 25,000 _____ \$25,000 – 50,000
_____ \$50,000 – 75,000 _____ \$75,000 – 100,000 _____ over \$100,000

What other financial aid will you be receiving for the coming academic year? _____

Why are you applying for this scholarship? _____

What are your goals in life and how will higher education help you attain these goals?

Student Signature _____

Date _____

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Nominations for McMurray Award Scholarship

To be filled in by pastor or chairperson of higher education and campus ministry (or campus ministry liaison) and mailed with the student's application form. A local church may nominate no more than one student annually who has no less than a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and who will be attending any institution of higher education. *If the applicant is a child of the pastor, someone other than the pastor MUST fill out this form.*

Name of student _____

Length of membership in this United Methodist congregation _____
(Nominee must be a full-time member of your UM church for at least one year).

Institution to be attended _____

Describe this student's involvement in the church or campus ministry: (include such information as regular participation in worship and Christian Education, leadership positions, service to individuals and to the church as a whole, etc.). **Use additional paper or back of this sheet if necessary.**

Describe the student's involvement in school and community life:

Why does your church believe this student deserves special recognition and financial support by the United Methodist church for his/her education?

Signature – Pastor or Chair of HECM (campus ministry liaison)

Name & address of church: _____

RETURN APPLICATION AND NOMINATION FORM BY MAY 30 TO:

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Certified transcripts should be requested and sent to the above address.