GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Pennsylvania Conference provides scholarship for undergraduate education for students who are members of its churches. Some scholarships are provided in the annual budget of the Conference while others have been provided by individual donors.

All scholarships are awarded on criteria which include academic performance and potential, financial need, and past and future service to the United Methodist Church, the community, and the student’s school. There is no requirement for any particular program of study or career goal. Full-time enrollment is required.

The Scholarship Committee determines the recipients must reapply each year.

All funds are remitted directly to the educational institution. If a student does not attend the college or university specified on the application or withdraws during the year the award must be returned to the scholarship fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Higher Education Scholarship Committee

Western Pennsylvania Conference
The United Methodist Church

1204 Freedom Road
Cranberry Twp., Pa 16066
SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarship

Awarded to students attending any United Methodist related college or university.

The award amount varies from year to year depending upon the proceeds from the previous year’s Student Day Offering.

United Methodist Foundation Scholarship

Awarded to students attending any United Methodist related college or university.

The maximum award amount is $1,000 for one year.

Ruth Zitzman Schall memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a female entering higher education for the first time. The institution does not have to be related to the United Methodist Church. Candidates must be entering a baccalaureate degree program and demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to applicants who are members of the Tionesta United Methodist Church or the Mount Washington United Methodist Church.

The minimum award is $500, but may be higher. There is on award.

Christopher Smith memorial Scholarship

Awarded to students enrolled at any college or university. The institution does not have to be related to the United Methodist Church. The student may be enrolled in either a two-year or four-year program and must have financial need.

Preference is given to applicants who will be enrolling at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Point Park College, or any graphic arts program. There may be more than one award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application forms available online. The forms may be printed and duplicated for distribution as needed. Forms may be obtained also by contacting the Conference Center or the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

Applications and supporting materials will be accepted until April 30 for the next academic year. Transcripts and letters of reference may be sent under separate cover.

Supporting documents must include:

- Current academic transcript
- Financial information of the student and parents(s)/spouse and other financial awards if any are known.
- Letter from the student’s pastor
- Letter from an academic source

Awards will be made in June and will be announced in WPAUMC e-news. All applicants will be notified in writing of the decision.

Applications and supporting materials should be sent to:

Higher Education Scholarship
United Methodist Center
P.O. Box 5002
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066