

UNITED METHODIST MEN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship process is perhaps different from any other that you may participate in. It's very informal, requires as much or as little time and information about yourself as you decide, and is reviewed by an anonymous panel of five men. Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, there are no personal interviews. How you prepare this application will have a great deal of influence on how the application is considered. Keep in mind that the evaluators will be working from a copy that will have only an identification code. They will not know who the applicant is.

You may choose to submit only the forms included here, or to supplement them with additional documents. **Remember that this is your only opportunity to sell yourself.** Consider submitting supporting items such as school records, awards, personal recommendations, employer comments, or any type of information that you feel might be relevant in the evaluation. Each evaluator will apply his own measure of importance to the various information elements submitted. There are no strict rules or guidelines that they must follow. Some may consider academics to be the most important element, while others may attach more value to other aspects such as church or community and school activities or financial need. It's up to them. They vote independently, and may not even know who the other members of the committee are. This is done to avoid any conflicts and undue duress or influence.

For the past several years, we have been able to award more scholarships, thanks to profitable Brunswick Stew sales. However, the 2020 sale had to be canceled due to covid-19, so funds are limited for 2021. This likely means fewer scholarships and makes it more important than ever for the application to include as much helpful supporting information as possible.

There will be two scholarships: one to a graduating high school senior, another to a current higher education under-graduate student. There is a possibility that one or more additional scholarships could be awarded, depending on amount of funds available. The scholarship is open to anyone attending any higher education institution, including community colleges and trade schools. It is limited to undergraduates only, no advanced degrees.

Remember the deadline! It can sneak up on you. The application can be submitted at any time. You need not wait until the last minute. The deadline for 2021 is Sunday, APRIL 11. Late applications will not be considered. For 2021, application evaluations will begin immediately after the cutoff date.

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Scholarship Application

What school are you attending or planning to attend?

What will this **upcoming** class be? Circle One.

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Have you chosen a major? _____ If so, what is it?

What is your grade point average?

Are you receiving any other grants, scholarships or loans?

If so, approximately what percentage of your education expense will this cover?

Attach to this application any additional personal information documents that you feel are pertinent, and may include a personal history detailing any family financial consideration, academic performance, service to church, service to community, service to school, etc., and state why you think you should be chosen for this scholarship. Keep in mind that this application is your **ONE** opportunity to sell yourself to the selection committee. Be sure to include all elements that might distinguish you from other candidates. All information will be kept confidential and selection by committee will be based on anonymous applications.

Applicant's signature:

Parent's signature:

Return completed application to church office by Sunday, April 11!
Late applications will not be considered.

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Guidelines

This scholarship fund is established by the Methodist Men to help further educate deserving persons. The selection of the recipients will be made by the scholarship committee.

Scholarship Committee

This committee will be composed of persons elected by the Methodist Men each year.

Fund Account

The scholarship fund will be maintained and monitored by the treasurer of the Methodist Men. Proceeds will be deposited from UMM fundraisers, including the annual Brunswick Stew sale.

Application

All applications will be disbursed by the chairperson of the scholarship committee (elected by the Methodist Men) on or after February 15 of each year. All applications will be completed and returned to the chairperson on or before the deadline of each year unless noted before hand. Each applicant will complete an application and also a personal list of interests, accomplishments, and activities.

Criteria for Selection

Scholarships limited to persons who are members or constituents of Oak Ridge United Methodist Church or children of such persons. Consideration for the scholarship will be:

- Service to church
- Service to community
- Service to school
- Academic performance
- Financial need

Amount of Scholarship

There will be 1 (one) \$500 scholarship each year for an incoming freshman and 1 (one) \$500 scholarship for an upper class undergraduate student. There is a possibility of additional scholarships if funds are available. Additional scholarships, if available, may be to either a graduating high school student or a current college student, at the discretion of the selection committee.

Notification

Selection will be made each year by June 1 and checks will be awarded at a worship service as scheduling permits. Winners will be notified by June 1 of the results. The scholarship can be renewed upon application each year when approved by the committee.

Applicant's full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Birth date: _____

Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

Parent's address: (if different from above)

Father's _____ Mother's: _____
