

*Undergraduate and Graduate  
Scholarships, Grants, and Loans*

**Wisconsin Annual Conference  
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# Undergraduate Scholarships

## Mabel Heil Scholarship

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### Purpose

The Mabel Heil Scholarship is made possible by earnings from a trust established in the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a resident of Cuba City, Wisconsin. Funds are awarded by the Heil Scholarship Committee of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women, and are invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Any Wisconsin United Methodist woman working to improve her education may apply.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a member of the United Methodist Women, Wisconsin Conference
- Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- Letter of recommendation from either the president of the local UMW unit or from your pastor.
- Letter of recommendation from a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative. (Person writing letter on behalf of applicant is to send the letter directly to the contact person.)
- All letters must be written (preferably typed) on one side of an 8.5x11" sheet of white paper using black ink.

### Application Procedure

- Awarded for one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, complete another application and secure new recommendations.
- Women responsible for others will be favored.
- Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- Graduate students may apply for each semester as long as they meet the other requirements.
- Recent high school graduates will receive the lowest consideration.
- Application and two (2) letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than May 1 and/or October 1. Checks will be disbursed by August 15 and January 15.
- Application forms may be requested from the address below. Obtain application from and send to:  
Mabel Heil Scholarship  
c/o Jann Brockmann  
905A East Windfield Pl  
Appleton, WI 54911
- For more information, call 920-954-0804 or e mail at Jcqb37@aol.com

# U.M. Merit Award

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## Purpose

The Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry provides scholarship fund to aid United Methodist students from the State of Wisconsin to attend a United Methodist college or university. Ten percent of the Student Day Offering in the Wisconsin Annual Conference is used to fund the scholarship. Scholarship monies will be provided by the beginning of the fall semester.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a member of the United Methodist Church in the Wisconsin Conference.
- The scholarship is open to high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors planning to be a full-time student in pursuit of a bachelor's degree.
- The scholarship is awarded to United Methodist students who are attending institutions of higher education recognized as United Methodist by the University Senate. It is not required that the institution be within the boundaries of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.
- Not based on financial need. Heaviest consideration will be given to the applicant's service to the church and academic standing. The quality of the written presentation will be considered indicative of the applicant's academic ability.
- Attending a (United Methodist) college of his/her own choice.
- Must have at least a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to qualify

## Application Procedure

- Letter of application, including a paragraph on service given to the Wisconsin Conference, district and/or local church; future plans and college the student plans on attending; character traits that make him/her a good candidate; participation in community and school activities and awards.
- Including mailing address.
- Include transcript for the last semester completed.
- Three written recommendations, one of which shall be from the applicant's local church pastor.
- Deadline for all materials is May 1. Send application to:

UM Merit Award  
Wisconsin Conference  
PO Box 620  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620  
888-240-7328

# Ross Scholarship

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## Purpose

Assist United Methodist students to attend the University of Wisconsin – River Falls.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Must attend the University of Wisconsin – River Falls.
- Must be a full-time student.
- Must be an active member of a United Methodist church.
- Must demonstrate academic achievement with a grade point minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Application Procedure

- Application forms may be submitted at any time. Send application to:

Ross Scholarship Committee  
River Falls UMC  
127 South Second St  
River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-6233

## *The Wesley Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. - Madison*

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## Purpose

The Wesley Foundation awards approximately \$4000 each year in scholarships, generated by income from fund restricted to that purpose. Several \$500 work scholarships are awarded each year in the areas of Sacred Music, Christian Education, and Christian Hospitality. The Wesley Foundation is also the site at the University of Wisconsin—Madison where application may be made for United Methodist Student Loans.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Sacred Music—to vocalists who sing in the choir.
- Christian Education – to Sunday School instructors who teach in the church school.
- Christian Hospitality – to evening building hosts who welcome people to the Foundation campus and provide a presence in the building.

## Application Procedure

- For current information, contact:  
Executive Director  
The Wesley Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. – Madison  
1127 University Avenue  
Madison, WI 53715  
608-256-2353

# *Hana Scholarship Program*

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## **Purpose**

Created to assist young persons of Hispanic-American, Asian-American, Native American, Alaskan Indian, or Pacific Islander origin to prepare them to give leadership in the United Methodist Church, in higher education, and in the HANA communities.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Born of Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Alaskan Indian, or Pacific Islander parentage (at least one parent).
- An active, full member of the United Methodist Church for at least three years prior to application.
- GPA of 2.85+
- A citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Ability to identify with his/her particular ethnic community.
- Able to verify academic ability.
- Able to demonstrate financial need.
- Must be a full-time college junior, senior, or graduate student in an accredited educational institution in the U.S.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain application from the Office of Loans and Scholarships between January 1 and March 15.
- Submit application and all supporting documents no later than April 1
- Reapply for each academic year.

# *Leonard M. Perryman*

## *Communications Scholarship*

### *For Ethnic Minority Students*

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#### **Purpose**

To enable ethnic minority students to continue his/her studies in communication and to promote a level of excellence in communications on the undergraduate level by ethnic minority students. The term, “communication” is meant to cover such media as audio-visual, electronic, and print journalism. The scholarship is \$2500.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be member of an ethnic minority.
- Must be enrolled at the junior or senior level in the journalism or communication department of a duly accredited college or university in the United States.
- Two one-time awards will be made, one of which will be given to an ethnic minority student who is a member of The United Methodist Church.
- Letter of recommendation from student’s local church pastor or denominational official.
- Letter of recommendation from the chairperson of the department in which the student is majoring.
- Letter of recommendation from an employer or supervisor for whom the student has worked as a journalist.
- If any of the above three persons is not available, a letter from a person related to journalism and personally acquainted with the student may be substituted.
- All letters of recommendation must be sent by the writer directly to the Scholarship Committee, United Methodist Communications.
- Office transcripts from all institutions attended must be submitted.
- Statement of 500 words or less must be submitted regarding interest in religious journalism and planned course of study.
- Submit no more than three (3) examples of journalistic work (audio-visual, electronic, print).
- Submit a recent glossy photograph, preferably head and shoulders, suitable for publicity use.

#### **Application Procedure**

- Application forms may be obtained from the Scholarship Committee, United Methodist Communications, Public Media Division.
- Submit applications and all supporting documents no later than **March 15**.

# *Judith Weidman Racial Ethnic Minority Fellowship*

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## **Purpose**

The Judith Weidman Racial Ethnic Minority Fellowship is awarded to one recent college/seminary graduate each year. The recipient will be assigned for one year to work with a communication staff in an annual conference office in the United States and will receive a \$30,000 salary and a benefits package, including moving costs and funds for professional travel.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a United Methodist of racial ethnic minority heritage
- A recent college or seminary graduate who has broad communications training, including an understanding of effective public relations.
- Considering pursuing communications for The United Methodist Church as a career.
- Able to relocate for one year.
- Able to understand and speak English proficiently.

## **Application Procedure**

- Application Deadline: March 15. For application information:

Communications Resourcing Team  
United Methodist Communications  
810 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37203

- For more information: 615-742-5400  
REM@umcom.org,  
<http://crt.umc.org/rem>

# *Ernest I. and Eunice Miller Bass Scholarship*

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## **Purpose**

Derived from a limited fund, this scholarship is for undergraduate students preparing for elder or deacon ministry or other helping professions. Preference is given to persons preparing for religious vocations. Applicant's grades should be above average.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- An active, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one full year prior to application.
- A citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Enrolled full time at an accredited institution.
- Working on an undergraduate degree.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain application from the Office of Loans and Scholarships between **January 1 and May 15**.
- Submit application and all supporting documents no later than **June 1**.
- Reapply for each academic year.

# *U.M. Ethnic Minority Scholarship*

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## **Purpose**

For students in full-time undergraduate study in any accredited college/university in the United States. These awards are funded from a percentage of the World Communion Offering received annually through the Church on the first Sunday in October.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- An active, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to application.
- Be a full-time degree candidate.
- Be recommended by his/her pastor, a lay person in his/her church, and a teacher/professor.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Have a C+ or higher grade point average.
- Be born of African, African-American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American/Alaskan Indian or Pacific Island parentage (at least one parent).
- Able to demonstrate financial need.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain application from the Office of Loans and Scholarships between **January 1 and April 15**.
- Submit application and all supporting documents no later than **May 1**.
- Reapply for each academic year.

# *Florence Lillian Druse*

## *Missionary Scholarship Fund*

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### **Purpose**

To offer financial assistance to academically qualified students with college or university training in preparation for their work in the missionary field, whether foreign, domestic, or medical. It includes those preparing for ministry in a project under the supervision of Conference or National Boards of Global Ministries.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Preference will be given to Wisconsin United Methodist Church members.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must be likely to serve in a missionary field for at least five (5) years.
- Agency for which the missionary work is being performed must submit annual reports for the first five (5) years of missionary service.
- Preference will be given to those with a bachelor's degree.
- Must reapply each year they wish funding.
- A loan of \$2500 per academic year may be made with a maximum of \$7500 being paid to any one individual. One-half of the loan will be paid each semester. After five years of missionary service, the loan does not require repayment. The loan will be paid directly to the recipient following proof of registration.

### **Application Procedure**

- Application deadline is **April 30** of each year.
- Send application to Wisconsin Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Financial Aid Committee.

# *U.M. General Scholarship*

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## **Purpose**

Scholarships available to undergraduate students at United Methodist-related colleges and universities that must be applied to tuition and fees. The United Methodist Scholarship is an investment made possible by the Student Day offering in local churches nationwide.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- An active full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to application.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- A full-time degree candidate in a United Methodist-related college/university.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5+.
- Able to establish financial need according to guidelines of the college involved.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain application from the United Methodist Scholarship Representative, the director of financial aid, at the United Methodist school of your choice.
- Return completed application and ask your pastor to return the Certification of Church Membership form to the United Methodist Scholarship Representative at the school.
- The school scholarship committee will review forms and make recommendations to the Office of Loans and Scholarships, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. The final decision regarding the award is made by the scholarship committee in Nashville. Payments are made directly to the school.
- Application deadline is June 1.

# *Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation Scholarships*

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## *Vera Dueno Scholarship*

This scholarship was created in 2001 by Vera Dueno to provide an annual scholarship grant to a deserving United Methodist student(s) attending a four-year college or university. Persons may be considered for this scholarship through a letter of application to the President of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. In your letter please describe your personal situation, your status as a student, plans for future education and career, where you intend to attend school, your involvement in the local church and community and why you wish to be considered for this scholarship. Please include a letter of recommendation from your pastor and a layperson in the local church. The deadline for letters of application is May 1 each year.

## *Hispanic Scholarship*

A scholarship program has been established at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation to provide assistance to United Methodist Hispanic students who are enrolled or enrolling in college or vocational/technical schools. This program was established with a gift from the Barkes Family Trust. Each year scholarships will be awarded through an application process based on need. The deadline for application and letter of recommendation from your pastor is May 1. Scholarships will be awarded by August 15. Scholarships will be awarded for a minimum of \$500. The application is available by contacting the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation or can be found on the website at [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org).

## *Seminarian Scholarship*

Established in the early 1980's, the income from this fund is designated to assist individuals whose intent is preparing for a vocation in the life of the church but who are not currently receiving scholarship assistance from the Board of Ordained Ministry. Individuals meeting these criteria are encouraged to send a letter of application and letter of recommendation from the district superintendent to the President of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

## *Waukesha County Chapel Hill Scholarship*

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is trustee of the Chapel Hill Scholarship Fund that was started with the remaining assets of the Chapel Hill UMC in Waukesha, WI. It was the wish of the congregation that scholarships are awarded, with priority given to Waukesha County students "pursuing the ministry". Students interested in ministry are encouraged to write a letter of application to the President of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation describing your situation and plans for ministry. We would also like a letter of reference from the local pastor to accompany the request. The deadline for consideration for the academic year is July 1.

# *The Kenneth M. Orchard Memorial Scholarship*

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this scholarship is to aid needy and qualified undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin -- Madison. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the amount of the money earned by the Kenneth M. Orchard Memorial Scholarship Fund.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a junior or senior at the University of Wisconsin – Madison during the year for which the scholarship is sought. Students may major in any field. Awards are not made to students on academic or disciplinary probation, nor to those who are not admitted to a degree program.
- Be an active member of The United Methodist Church.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Able to demonstrate financial need. There will be no work requirement attached to this scholarship.

## **Application Procedure**

- Application forms are available after January 1 of each year for the following fall.
- Completed applications and supporting materials are due no later than April 1.
- Each application will receive notification by May 1

### **Send application to:**

Orchard Memorial Scholarship Committee  
The Wesley Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. – Madison  
1127 University Avenue  
Madison, WI 53715  
608-256-2353

# *U.M. Foundation Annual Conference Scholars Program*

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## **Purpose**

To foster value-centered education in a Christian context in United Methodist-related educational institutions through scholarship assistance to United Methodist students.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- An active full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to application.
- Either an entering freshman at a United Methodist-related school, college, or university or be a first-year seminary student at a United Methodist-related theological school.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain application from the Conference Board of Higher Education and Student Ministry.
- Submit application and all supporting documents no later than **May 1**.
- Students may not be re-nominated for this award.

# *Priscilla R. Morton Scholarship*

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## **Purpose**

Limited funds for this undergraduate scholarship were established from a will to be used for full-time undergraduate students of high scholastic standing. Award preference is given to students with a 3.5 or higher college GPA attending United Methodist schools.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- An active, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to application.
- Enrolled full time in an accredited institution working toward a degree.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain application from the Office of Loans and Scholarships between **January 1 and May 15** preceding the academic year award is to be used.
- Submit application and all supporting documents no later than **June 1**.
- Reapply for each academic year.

# *The E. Craig Brandenburg Graduate Award*

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## **Purpose**

These awards are for persons desiring to make positive contributions to society and who have special needs due to a change of profession/vocation, interrupted study, or for continuing education.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- 35 years of age or older
- Active, full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to application.
- Enrolled in an accredited educational institution a full-time degree candidate

## **Application Procedure**

- Application may be obtained from the Office of Loans and Scholarships between **December 15 and February 15** preceding the academic year in which the award will be used.
- The completed application and all required supporting documents must be received no later than **March 1**.
- A student must reapply for each academic year.

# *Graduate School and Seminary Scholarships*

## *Karen Milner Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund*

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### **Purpose**

Purpose: To assist in the seminary education of women preparing for ordained ministry, with preference given to women from Wisconsin.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be enrolled at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary.
- Must be preparing for Ordained Ministry.
- Preference will be given to women from Wisconsin, but you do not have to be a resident of the State of Wisconsin to be considered.

### **Application Procedure**

- Send application to Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.

## *Sarah Mattison Trust Fund Scholarship*

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### **Purpose**

The United Methodist Church of Menomonie offers Sarah Mattison Trust Fund Scholarships annually for graduate study toward a church-related vocation. Scholarships are awarded annually; number and amount varies.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Any man or woman enrolled in post-graduate studies toward United Methodist ministry or other related vocation furthering the work of The United Methodist Church.

### **Application Procedure**

- Applications must be received by **September 1**. Applicants will be notified by **October 1** with checks awarded by **October 15**.

# *The Stoody-West Fellowship*

## *For Graduate Study in Religious Journalism*

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### **Purpose**

To enhance the recipient's professional competence and thereby help to perpetuate the standards exemplified by Ralph Stoody and Arthur West. Religious journalism is interpreted to include news writing for secular press, church press, and for church institutions.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be enrolled at an accredited United States college or university in post-graduate study.
- Submit evidence of your application or acceptance by an accredited and approved graduate school or department in the United States.
- Two one-time awards of \$6000 will be made each year, one of which will be given to a graduate student who is a member of The United Methodist Church.
- Letter of recommendation from student's local church pastor or denominational official.
- Letter of recommendation from the chairperson of the department in which major undergraduate work was done.
- Letter of recommendation from an employer or supervisor for whom the graduate student has worked professionally as a journalist.
- If any of the above three persons is not available, a letter from a person related to journalism and personally acquainted with the graduate student may be substituted.
- All letters of recommendation must be sent by the writer directly to the Fellowship Committee, United Methodist Communications.
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended must be submitted by the school.
- Statement of 500 words or less must be submitted regarding interest in religious journalism and plans for the future, both academic and professional.
- Submit four examples of journalistic work in any standard journalistic medium; also a list of published articles.
- Submit a recent glossy photograph, preferably head and shoulders, suitable for publicity use.

### **Application Procedure**

- Application forms may be obtained from the Fellowship Committee, United Methodist Communications, Public Media Division.
- Submit application and all supporting documents no later than **March 15**.

# *The American University Graduate Scholarship Program*

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## **Purpose**

The American University has a graduate scholarship program for members of The United Methodist Church.

## **Application Procedure**

Send application to:  
Office of Admission  
American University  
4400 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington DC 20016  
202-885-6000

# *Board of Ordained Ministry Seminarian Scholarship*

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## **Purpose**

To aid United Methodist seminarians pursuing a basic degree in Ordained Ministry. Awards of \$1800 per year up to a maximum of \$5400 may be awarded. The scholarship is awarded in semester increments. The source of this funding is through the Memorial Education Fund (apportionments) and the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation (estates and bequests).

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be United Methodist seminarians from the Wisconsin Conference who are certified candidates pursuing the basic degree for Ordained Ministry.

## **Application Procedure**

- Deadline for fall semester: **August 1**. Deadline for winter semester: **December 1**.
- Send application to the Wisconsin Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Financial Aid Committee. Send application to:  
Wisconsin Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Financial Aid Committee  
PO Box 620  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

# *Wisconsin Annual Conference*

## *The Harriet Alicea Scholarship Fund*

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The Harriet Alicea Scholarship Fund is a scholarship awarded by family and friends in honor of the late Harriet Alicea, a former Oneida Local Pastor within the Wisconsin Annual Conference. This scholarship is administered by the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Harriet Alicea Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to people involved in ministry leading toward licensed Local Pastor or Ordained Pastoral Ministry. Funds can be used for Lay Speaking School, Course of Studies, college expenses leading toward seminary education or seminary.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicant must be Native American or Hispanic
- Applicant must be a member of a congregation of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin.

### **Application Procedure**

- Submit a letter of application to the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at the time needed.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from pastor of the church of membership to the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.
- Scholarships will be awarded for a maximum of \$500 per year.

# *Scholarships and Grants at North Central College*

## *United Methodist Scholarships*

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- United Methodist scholarships are awarded to selected students who have been active, full members of The United Methodist Church for at least one full year.
- Students must have maintained a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Priority will be given to those students who demonstrate financial need.
- The scholarship is renewable for one year and the application deadline is **mid-February**.

## *Religious Vocation Scholarships*

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Religious vocations scholarships are awarded to students who intend to prepare for some form of ministry or employment in a church or religious society.
- A letter of recommendation is required from the religious leader of a group in which the student is an active participant.
- The scholarship is renewable. The application deadline is **mid-February**.

## *Bockholdt Speech- Communication Scholarships*

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Scholarships up to \$1500 are awarded to students in the communication field.
- Eligible students must have a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale or rank in the top one-third of the class.
- First consideration is given to students intending to major in the discipline.

# *Fine Arts Scholarships*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Talent scholarships in band, choir, theatre, forensics, and art are available.
- These are not based on financial need and are renewable with consent of the department chair.
- Auditions or portfolio submission will take place between **January 1 and mid-February**.

# *Scholarships For Children of United Methodist Pastors*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Dependents of United Methodist pastors will receive a \$3000 scholarship based on a parent's current service in a United Methodist church.
- The scholarship is renewable and the application must be submitted by **March 1**.

# *North Central College Grant*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Students must demonstrate a financial need.

# *Presidential Scholarships*

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## **Purpose**

The prestigious Presidential Scholarship Program awards over 100 scholarships, ranging from \$3000 to \$15,500 per year.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Rank in the top 10% of your high school class *and* receive a 24-36 on the ACT *or* 1090-1600 on the SAT *OR*
- Rank in the top 20% of your high school class *and* receive a 26-36 on the ACT *or* 1160-1600 on the SAT *OR*
- Rank in the top 30% of your high school class *and* receive a 29 or above on the ACT *or* 1270 or above on the SAT.
- All valedictorians with a 24 or above on the ACT *or* a 1096 or above on the SAT will receive a minimum scholarship of \$10,000 per year with the opportunity to compete for higher amounts. Presidential scholarships are renewable for three academic years if GPA requirements are maintained. Financial need is not used to determine awards.

## **Application Procedure**

- Must apply for admission prior to February 1 and attend a Scholarship program.

# *National Merit Finalist Scholarships*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

- North Central College offers three-quarter tuition scholarships to National Merit finalists.
- Students may compete for up to \$15,500 annually through the Presidential Scholarships competition.

# *Scholarships For Majors In Education*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

- The Jeanene Yule for Excellence in Teacher Education, Goodwin Scholarship for Prospective Teachers, and John J. Bohlander Scholarships are available to incoming freshmen and continuing students who intend to teach.
- A written essay, two letters of recommendation, and an interview are required.
- Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Renewal applications are considered.

# *Honor/Merit Scholarships*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Rank in the top 10% of your high school class and receive a 20-23 on the ACT or 930-1080 on the SAT OR
- Rank in the top 20% of your high school class and receive a 22-23 on the ACT or 1010-1080 on the SAT OR
- Rank in the top 50% of your high school class and receive a 24 or above on the ACT or 1090 or above on the SAT
- Honor/Merit Scholarships are renewable for three academic years if GPA requirements are maintained. Financial need is not used to determine awards.

# Loans

## *William Stearns Fund*

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### **Purpose**

The William Stearns Fund was established in the Last Wills and Testaments of Eva and Alice E. Stearns in memory of their father, William Stearns. The fund was established to make loans to students attending a University of Wisconsin system school.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a member of The United Methodist Church– Wisconsin Conference. Church attendance or participation in church activities does not constitute church membership. Only those who have been received into full membership are eligible.
- Be admitted to a degree program of the University of Wisconsin system. Loans are not made to students on academic or disciplinary probation.
- Applicant must be registered and in classroom attendance for the term in which the funds are to be used before the loan can be finalized.
- Total loan(s) per applicant will not exceed \$10,000. A student may apply multiple times. Interest on the loan is calculated at one-point below the prime rate on the date of taking out the loan.

### **Application Procedure**

- Applications are accepted year round.
- Loans are payable in monthly installments, beginning no later than six months after the borrower discontinues at least one half time school attendance, or a maximum of seven years from the date of the note, which ever first occurs. The repayment period begins on the due date of the first installment and may extend five years.
- Applications and information about the William Stearns Fund may be obtained from:
  - Ministry & Outreach Office
  - Wisconsin Annual Conference
  - PO Box 620
  - Sun Prairie, WI 53590
- For more information call: 888-240-7328 (toll free) or 608-837-7320

# *United Methodist Student Loan Program*

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## **Purpose**

This loan is available to students who are active, full members of The United Methodist Church. Six percent interest accrues on the principal loan balance until the loan is repaid in full. Repayment begins six months after graduation or withdrawal from school. Final payment is due no later than 120 months from date first payment is due. Up to \$2500 may be awarded annually, with no more than \$15000 borrowed during a student's entire educational program.

## **Application Procedure**

- Obtain information from the Office of Loans and Scholarships.

## *Grants*

### *Pastoral Ministry Grant For Ethnic Minorities*

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## **Purpose**

To aid racial ethnic minorities in training for pastoral ministry in the Wisconsin Conference.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be certified candidate for ministry, enrolled in any accredited Bible college, liberal arts college, university or seminary recognized by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church.

## **Application Procedure**

- For information and applications, write to the Wisconsin Board of Ordained Ministry Financial Aid Committee. Deadline: **August 1**

# *Leadership Development Grant*

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## **Purpose**

To aid in personal development and to provide opportunities for minority persons, through educational programs that equip individuals for leadership involvement in the life and mission of the Church, as well as its ministry to society.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be member of an ethnic or language minority.
- Must be a United States citizen. Persons who are resident aliens will be considered for scholarship assistance on an individual basis.
- Must be accepted for undergraduate study by an approved or accredited college or other educational institution.
- Ministerial students who serve parishes may be exempt from taking a full study program; others should carry a full-time academic schedule.
- Should demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- May receive only one United Methodist award.

## **Application Procedure**

- The cutoff date for receipt of application and all other pertinent data is May 31 for the following academic year.
- For information and application, write to the National Division Leadership Development Committee.

# *Ministerial Continuing Education Grant*

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## **Purpose**

Wisconsin Conference – United Methodist pastors are given financial assistance for continuing education programs.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Ordained ministers must be serving in the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church.

## **Application Procedure**

- Grants will be awarded based on date of application and preference will be given to persons who have not received previous grants.
- Applications and information may be obtained from the Wisconsin Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Financial Aid Committee.