

**Oregon-Idaho Conference Merit Award Program**  
**Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference**  
**The United Methodist Church**  
**Academic Year 2012-2013**

**AWARD:** A \$750 scholarship is available for one **undergraduate** or **graduate student** attending any United Methodist related institution of higher education included on the list at [www.gbhem.org/gbhem/colleg.html](http://www.gbhem.org/gbhem/colleg.html).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants are evaluated primarily on demonstrated leadership excellence and/or the potential for leadership excellence in the United Methodist Church and in community projects or activities (35% of score). Financial need and other factors are also considered. An applicant must be a member of a United Methodist church in the Oregon-Idaho Conference for at least one year prior to applying for this award. The applicant must intend to be enrolled at full-time status, as defined by the particular institution in which the applicant is enrolling, at a United Methodist related institution of higher education for the 2012-2013 academic year. The institution of higher education does not need to be within the bounds of the Oregon-Idaho Conference. Applicants must be nominated by their local church. Applicants should give the local church nomination form to their pastor immediately as a local church may nominate only one applicant annually.

In a given year an applicant may apply for more than one scholarship offered by the Campus Ministries and Higher Education Ministry Team. However, an applicant may receive only one scholarship in a given year.

A past recipient of the Conference Merit Award may not reapply for this award.

- HOW TO APPLY:**
1. Give the local church nomination form to your pastor as soon as you decide to apply for this award as a nomination process within the local church may be necessary.
  2. Have your high school transcript (if you have completed less than two full years of college) and college transcripts (if you are presently enrolled or have been previously enrolled in college) sent directly to:  
Scholarship Committee  
c/o Linda Grund-Clampit  
680 State St., Suite 200  
Salem, Oregon 97301
  3. Complete the application form and personal statement.
  4. Send the completed application, personal statement and local church nomination form to:  
Scholarship Committee  
c/o Linda Grund-Clampit  
680 State St., Suite 200  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**DEADLINE:** **All application materials (including transcripts) must be received by Scholarship Committee on or before Friday April 6, 2012.**

If you have questions, please contact Linda Grund-Clampit at 503-581-3969 or [office@westerndistrictumc.org](mailto:office@westerndistrictumc.org)

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**Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Group:  African-American  Asian  Caucasian  
 Hispanic  Native American  Pacific Islander  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

Institutions of Higher Education You Have Attended:

School Location Degree Major/Area of Study

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United Methodist College/University/Theological School You Will Attend in 2012-2013

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Financial Aid Office \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Academic Classification:  Undergraduate  Graduate  
(in 2012-2013)  First Year  Second Year  Third Year  Fourth Year  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Vocation \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be enrolled as a full-time student for the 2012-2013 academic year?  Yes  No

**Church/Community Involvement**

Local Church Where You Are a Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a full member of the United Methodist Church? \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a statement** that describes completely your involvement in The United Methodist Church at the local church, district, annual conference and/or denominational levels. **Include in your statement descriptions of your leadership involvement.** The statement must be **double-spaced** and typed on a **maximum of three** single-sided pages.

**Write a statement** that describes your participation in community projects or activities. **Include in your statement descriptions of your leadership involvement.** The statement must be **double-spaced** and typed on a **maximum of two** single-sided pages.

**Financial Information**

Total estimated educational costs for 2012-2013 (tuition, books, fees) \_\_\_\_\_

Total estimated scholarship/grant assistance for 2012-2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual gross household income \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of persons dependent on that income \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to work during the 2012-2013 academic year?  Yes  No Hrs/week \_\_\_\_\_

**Make a statement on a separate page** relating to your financial need for the coming academic year.

**Personal Statement**

**Write a general statement on a separate page(s) regarding your request**, including your philosophy of life, religious development, and what influenced you in selecting your career goal. Give any additional information that might be helpful to the scholarship selection committee. The statement should be **double-spaced** and typed on a **maximum of three** single-sided pages.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization Statement**

I give permission to the Scholarship Committee to send my name, address, phone number and email address to the campus minister or chaplain of the college that I will attend in 2012-2013.

Yes  No

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**Local Church Nomination Form**

*This form is to be completed by the local church pastor or chair of local church board of higher education and ministry. If the applicant is the pastor's spouse or dependent, the chair of the local church board of higher education and ministry should complete the form. If there is not a board of higher education and ministry chair, the lay leader or church council chair may complete the form.*

Each local church may nominate only one student annually for the Conference Merit Award Program. If more than one student from a local church would like to apply for the award, a nominating process must be implemented within the local church. Each local church may determine the means for nominating a student for the award. If you have questions, please contact Linda Grund-Clampit, 680 State St., Suite 200, Salem, Oregon 97301, 503-581-3969, [office@westerndistrictumc.org](mailto:office@westerndistrictumc.org).

Please complete the following form and send with the applicant's application. You may enclose the nomination form in a sealed, signed envelope.

Scholarship Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Position of Person Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the nominee been a full member of the local church?

**Please provide a statement from the sponsoring church** describing the student's involvement in church, school, community, and/or other organizations, and why the nominee merits this special recognition. Please include your perspective on the potential for this person to provide present and future leadership in The United Methodist Church. **Please use a separate page.**

Signature of Person Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_