

Process of Applying for Education Society Scholarships
January 1, 2026

The Eastern Pennsylvania Education Society's function is to promote the cause of education among the ministry and membership of The United Methodist Church in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. In that regard, there are a number of scholarships available annually in the amounts of \$500 to \$1,000 targeted toward higher education.

1. Scholarships are available to members of The United Methodist Church – Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. They are available to promising persons preparing for useful careers as Christians.
2. The Scholarship will be made only for undergraduate education. In other words, if one is working toward a master's degree, that individual is not eligible for a scholarship. In addition to education geared toward either an Associate's Degree or a Bachelor's Degree, programs geared toward a career are for our purposes considered undergraduate education. These would include programs in vocational, technical, professional, business, and other similar types of areas.
3. The scholarships are not intended for higher degrees (i.e. Masters or Doctorate) nor are they intended for meeting requirements to maintain a license or performance level also known as continuing education. In addition, scholarships are not intended for one wishing to change careers (for example, if you are returning for a second degree in another field).
4. The size of the scholarship offered will be determined based upon the number of applicants but will not be less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000. The Education Society will determine the annual amount available for scholarships using the total return on investments approach under state law. This is further defined in the Education Society's By-Laws.
5. Up to 5 annual scholarships may be made to a student – one per each year of undergraduate education. There will be no preference given to students in a given year who have received a Scholarship the previous year.
6. **All applications will be considered, and scholarships awarded via a random selection process up to the available funds for scholarships. In this regard we ask to include the last 4 digits of your social security number on your application. If you do not include the last 4 digits, a four-digit number will be assigned.**
7. The Education Society reserves the right to limit the number of Scholarships given to members of a particular church. It is the intent of the program that financial aid be distributed throughout the Conference and not be focused on a few churches.
8. All Scholarship payments will be made directly to the educational institution and not to the student. Under normal circumstances, the educational institution will be asked to allocate the money over the entire school year, not just one semester or term. If your Scholarship Application reflects one school and you decide to attend a different school, let the Education Society know as soon as you make the decision.
9. Scholarship applications will be received no earlier than April 27 and no later than May 24 at midnight. The closing date may be changed at the discretion of the Education Society due to mail delivery process. Electronic applications will not be accepted. Notifications will be made in July regarding Scholarship distribution and size.
10. A critical piece of information in the application is the address to where the check should be sent if you are awarded scholarship. If possible, a person's name should be included along with the actual office address on campus.
11. You will be notified via e-mail whether you are a recipient of a scholarship or not. If you do not have an e-mail address, you will be notified via first class mail only if you are a scholarship recipient. If your e-mail address is illegible and notification cannot be delivered, no further attempt will be made to contact you regarding your scholarship status. However, if your e-mail address is illegible and you happen to be a scholarship recipient, your scholarship will still be processed.
12. If you receive a Scholarship and withdraw from the educational institution, the educational institution will be asked to return the Scholarship money. Many schools have a non-refund tuition policy if you withdraw. So – if you withdraw, you may receive an additional invoice from the school.

**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
Education Society Scholarship Application 2025-2026**

Submit to Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Via email at: EducationSociety@epagnj.org

Application should be submitted no sooner than **April 27** and no later than **May 24, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed, and scholarship offers will be determined in a random fashion if applications exceed the allocated funding available during the specified time period.

The closing date may be changed at the discretion of the Education Society due to mail delivery process. Notifications will be made in July regarding Scholarship distribution and size.

A critical piece of information in the application is the address to where the check should be sent if you are awarded scholarship. If possible a person's name should be included along with the actual office address on campus.

You will be notified via e-mail whether you are a recipient of a scholarship or not. If your e-mail address is illegible and notification cannot be delivered, no further attempt will be made to contact you regarding your scholarship status.

If you receive a Scholarship and withdraw from the educational institution, the educational institution will be asked to return the Scholarship money. Many schools have a non-refund tuition policy if you withdraw. So – if you withdraw, you may receive an additional invoice from the school.

Section 1 Student Information

Student's Name: _____ Social Security No. (last 4 digits) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail Address

Section 2 Student Career Goals

Briefly describe your career goals & how you envision Christ being an integral part of achieving those goals

Section 3 School Information

If you were to receive a scholarship, provide the necessary information including school, department, address, your account information, and to whom the scholarship should be forwarded in the department such that you will receive credit in your account. If not available at the time of this application, please note and provide information as soon as available. **This information is critical. You should provide a person's name (if possible) and the actual address of the office at the university or school to where the check should be sent. Do not simply include a generic address of the university or school.**

Section 4 Church Recommendation (You will not be considered without recommendation)

I recommend that this individual be considered for an Educational Scholarship because:

Church Church Representative Signature and Title Date

Signature

By signing this document, I certify that all the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am a member of the United Methodist Church in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____