

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Deadline
April 1, 2024



**DEVELOPING LEADERS VISION TEAM
HIGHER EDUCATION**

Limit one
Nominee per
RTC Congregation
for each
Scholarship

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RÍO TEXAS CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Developing Leaders Vision Team Higher Education

The Río Texas Annual Conference Developing Leaders Vision Team administers three scholarship programs for Río Texas Conference undergraduate students. Scholarships are merit awards and will be awarded annually by the Conference Higher Education Team. High-school seniors through college seniors seeking their first undergraduate degree are eligible to be nominated for these programs. Funding for these awards is based on a rebate resulting from the response of the Annual Conference to the United Methodist Student Day Offering, interest accrued yearly, and on contributions to the Advance Special #2017.

The Advance Special #2017 for Higher Education Scholarships receives individual, small group and congregational gifts in any amount to apply to merit scholarships. Contributions sent through the local church will help that congregation reach Five Star recognition.

Nomination Guidelines from the Higher Education Team & the GBHEM are as follows:

1. Awards are limited to full-time United Methodist students who have been members of a church in the Conference for at least one year; high school seniors through college seniors who are seeking their first undergraduate degree.
2. Awards are for "merit," but it should be understood that merit can be in terms of Academic Scholarship, Church Involvement, Financial Need, Special Vocational Preparation for Ministry, or other service - or a combination of these factors, as may be determined by the conference team.
3. Awards shall be made by the Conference Higher Ed Team on the basis of an academic year.

Additional Guidelines Specific to each Award are as follows:

Craven-Wilson Merit Award ranging from \$400 to \$3,000

1. Nominee must be enrolled or enrolling in Texas Wesleyan University.
2. Nomination comes from a United Methodist church (pastor and/or Administrative Council) in the Río Texas Conference.
 - a. Nominations shall be sent to the Scholarship Team of the Conference Higher Ed on the official form supplied here.
 - b. A Río Texas Conference church may nominate no more than one student annually for this award.
 - c. Included with the nomination shall be a statement from the sponsoring church pastor and/or other church official describing the student's involvement in church, school, community or other organizations, and why the nominee merits this special recognition.
3. Award shall be made to the student as a part of that student's or his/her parents' contribution to the cost of education upon receipt of proof of enrollment from the registrar of the institution. The annual conference team's intention is to ensure that the award payment does not displace any other aid to which the student may be entitled.
4. Deadline for nominations is April 1, each year.

Albert & Nancy Wilson Merit Award ranging from \$400 to \$3,000

1. Nominee must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited college or university.
2. Nomination comes from a United Methodist church (pastor and/or Administrative Council) in the Río Texas Conference.
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 - b. A Río Texas Conference church may nominate no more than one student annually for this award.
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4. Deadline for nominations is April 1, each year.

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) Merit Award ranging from \$500 to \$1,000

1. Applications available, online only, January 3 through March 7, 2024 (dates subject to change) at www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication.
2. Applicant must be enrolled or enrolling in an institution of higher education recognized as United Methodist by the University Senate. It shall not be required that the institution be within the bounds of the annual conference from which the award originates. Information for United Methodist-related schools may be found at www.gbhem.org/education.
3. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO: This official form must be used for nominations.

Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church
Higher Education Scholarship Team
Attention: Eve Albert
16400 Huebner Road
San Antonio, Texas 78248-1693

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM
 The Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church
 Developing Leaders Vision Team Higher Education Team
Scholarship Nomination



Name in full _____

Permanent Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Email _____

I will enroll am enrolled in _____
(Print name of College or University)

What is your intended vocation? _____

Male Female Date of Birth ____ \ ____ \ ____ Ethnic Background _____

Present Status: Graduating H.S. Senior College Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Other _____

High School Graduation Date _____

Will you be a full-time degree candidate? _____ For what degree? _____

Name of United Methodist Church of which you are a full member _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Pastor's Phone (____) _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

LIST HIGH-SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ATTENDED

<u>Name & Location of Institution</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please include most recent official transcript.

Transcript included Transcript mailed separately by school

Current Employment:

Past and present involvement in Church:

Past and present involvement in High-School/College:

Past and present involvement in Community:

Attach a brief personal statement (250 words or less) explaining why you desire this scholarship.

To the student: Give this completed form with your personal statement to your pastor. Also give your pastor the enclosed Certification of Church Membership form. If school is sending transcript separately, please note on previous page.

To the pastor: Attach the Certification of Church Membership form and a letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation may be written on the back side of the Certification of Church Membership form.

**Send the entire nomination to the address below.
Nominations must be received by April 1. Deadline is firm.
Mail or deliver to:**

Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church
Higher Education Scholarship Team
c/o Developing Leaders Vision Team
16400 Huebner Road
San Antonio, Texas 78248-1693

**FOR HIGHER ED TEAM USE ONLY
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX**

Nomination must include all the following:

- Completed nomination form
- Personal Statement
- Most recent official transcript
- Certification of Church Membership
- Pastor's letter of recommendation



Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church
 Higher Education & Campus Ministry
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CERTIFICATION OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

(Student: Complete first two lines and then forward to your pastor.)

This is to advise that _____ has been nominated for a United Methodist Scholarship
Name of student
 from the Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, 16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio TX 78248-1693.

Confidential Information To Be Supplied By The Pastor

Attach this Certification of Church Membership form and a letter of recommendation. The Letter of Recommendation may be written on the back page of the Certification of Church Membership form. Return this form to the Higher Ed Scholarship Team, c/o RTC Developing Leaders Vision Team, 16400 Huebner Road, San Antonio, Texas 78248-1693.

DO NOT SEND TO STUDENT OR COLLEGE.

This is to certify _____ has been a member of The United Methodist
Name of Student
 Church for at least one year and is presently a member of _____

Confirmation / Membership date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Mailing address of church _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Annual Conference _____

Does this student need financial assistance? Yes No ?

Are the parents able to assume full financial responsibility for the education of this student? Yes No ?

Does this individual have leadership ability? Yes No ?

Is the applicant interested in being of professional service to the church? Yes No ?

Do you know of any reason why this person should not be awarded a United Methodist scholarship? Yes No ?

Did your church participate in the UM Student Day Offering in 2023? Yes No

Will your church participate in the UM Student Day Offering in 2024? Yes No

Will your church contribute to the RTC Advance Special #2017 for Higher Education Scholarships this year? Yes No

(over)

If this is a student you would really like the church to help, please give additional information that would guide the awards team in determining the financial need of the nominee and whether the student is one who will help undergird The United Methodist Church now and in the future.