

APPLICATION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must attend an accredited college or university as full-time students during the 2026-2027 academic year. Limited funds are available for Methodist seminary and other graduate-level studies.

SEMINARIAN AWARDS: Applicants must attend an accredited Methodist seminary, during the 2026-2027 academic year, leading to a graduate degree in preparation for the Christian ministry. There is no age limit to apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The criteria used to select award recipients are: financial need; academic performance; commitment to and participation in church activities; extracurricular activities; and community service. The applicant provides this information in the online application.

In the essay, graduating high school seniors should focus on their formative and high school years. If you now attend college and are a previous recipient of an Aldersgate UMC scholarship award, your essay should be a continuation (not a repeat) of what you previously submitted, focusing greater attention on how you have built on your past accomplishments, with a relevant discussion of your experiences and circumstances during college.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS: The number of awards and amounts are based on the review and evaluation of the applications by the Aldersgate Endowment Committee, using the selection criteria, the available funds designated for distribution by the Committee and guidance from the original fund donors.

PROCESS: Completed applications must be emailed, and received not later than **April 24, 2026**. The Endowment Committee will review and vote on applications during the month of May. Award recipient notices will be forwarded to students on or about June 1 and announced in church services on June 7. Awards are made payable to the colleges where the recipients will attend. Checks will be forwarded from the Aldersgate Finance Office to the schools' Bursar Offices in July.

CERTIFICATION: The end of the application form requires Applicants to certify that all information provided by them is true and correct.

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