

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are well. Below is information on the Ethnic Minority and HANA Scholarships provided by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Please provide this information to students and parents. I suggest that this information be included in the next two Sunday bulletins. College freshmen and sophomores are eligible for the Ethnic Minority scholarship. Juniors and seniors are eligible for the HANA scholarship. Graduate students in their first two years are also eligible for HANA.

Generally, students are expected to be enrolled as full-time students to be eligible for these scholarships. Below is the web page where the application will be located.

Students can start applying on January 4, 2012. Applications will not be accepted after March 1, 2012.

PLEASE NOTE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS START THE PROCESS ON JANUARY 4TH AND COMPLETE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINE. THIS IS BECAUSE THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS HAS BECOME A MORE COMPETITIVE PROCESS DUE TO REDUCTION IN THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

The Ethnic Minority Scholarship-Undergraduate award for Native American, Asian, African American, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander ethnic groups. Applicants must be pursuing his/her FIRST undergraduate degree; GPA of 2.5+; full and active member of the UMC for at least one year; attending an accredited institution within the U.S. International students must be enrolled in a United Methodist college or university within the U.S. and must be recommended by the president of the UM institution.

Here is the web page for the Ethnic Minority Scholarship-

http://www.gbhem.org/site/c.lsKSL3POLvF/b.3538793/k.1C4F/Scholarships_for_Undergraduate_Students.htm

The HANA Scholarship-Applicant must be born of Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Island parentage (at least one parent); an upper level student (undergraduate at junior or senior level; OR a graduate or doctoral student); full and active member of the UMC for at least 3 years; GPA of 2.85+; with plans to prepare for leadership in the UMC and in their HANA community.

Here is the web page for the HANA scholarship-

http://www.gbhem.org/site/c.lsKSL3POLvF/b.3538791/k.18E6/Scholarships_for_Undergraduate_andor_Graduate_Students.htm

General loan and scholarship information-

http://www.gbhem.org/site/c.lsKSL3POLvF/b.3501653/k.49D8/Loan_Scholarship_Opportunities.htm

If you need additional information please feel free to contact me. My contact information is below.

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