

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the eligible scholarships available at Matthews United Methodist Church. Our church members and committees take pride in supporting the continuing education and development of Christian men and women and have contributed the funds for these scholarships. Award amounts will vary depending on which scholarship you apply for.

The Scholarships available for 2025 are:

Barnhardt Family
Ira & Anna Williams Memorial
Jeanette VanBoskerck Vickers Memorial
Jeremiah 29:11
Justin Tanger Memorial
Michael R. Maloney Memorial
Sylvia Strong
UMWF (United Women in Faith) College/ Continuing Education

The scholarship application at Matthews United Methodist Church is available for pickup in paper form upon request, or if you would like to work on it electronically, it can be found on the youth or young adult website at www.youth.matthewsumc.org under the College-Age tab or at youngadults.matthewsumc.org. **All applications must be returned by 8PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.** This is a nonnegotiable deadline, therefore all applications received after the deadline by mail, in person, or e-mail will not be considered. Please be aware that only fully completed applications will be considered. Be sure to include all required elements. It is important to pay attention to each scholarship, because some of the criteria will vary.

When completing the Scholarship Application please be aware of the following:

- **APPLICATIONS MAILED, HAND DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH, OR EMAILED MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN 8PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025.**
- **All students must complete the Application form and Education Expense/Resource form.**
- **A separate application must be completed for each scholarship you are applying for.**
- **Attach a copy of the acceptance or enrollment letter from your anticipated/current school.**
- **Provide a current photograph attached to each application.**

Please be aware, hard copy application are preferred, but emailed applications will be accepted. If sending your application by e-mail, please send to Pastor Corey Milliet at corey@matthewsumc.org. If you are e-mailing your application, please send all components of the application at one time, do not send each required item separately.

Mail or hand deliver your completed application to:

Matthews United Methodist Church
801 S Trade St
Matthews, NC 28105
Attention: Scholarship Committee - Pastor Corey Milliet

Questions concerning scholarship applications may be directed to Corey Milliet at 704-815-1941 or corey@matthewsumc.org. All applicants will be informed by mail of the Scholarship Committee's decision. Scholarship award recipients will receive a call from the specific committee chairs by the end of the week of May 26, 2025, and scholarships will be awarded and celebrated on Graduation Sunday, June 1, 2025, during the 11AM worship service.

We look forward to reviewing your application, and we pray that you will find God's direction in your life as you continue your educational goals.





MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

Matthews United Methodist Church STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2025 CRITERIA

Carefully read criteria for the scholarship(s) you are applying for—there are specific and different requirements for each.

I. Barnhardt Family Scholarship: Made possible by the Caleb H. Barnhardt, Jr. family.

- Dollar amount to be determined.
- Recipient(s) or members of their immediate family must have been **members of MUMC** for at least **one year** before their enrollment in an accredited college or university.
- Recipient(s) must be classified as an undergraduate or graduate student with a declared interest in studying **accounting, religion, or teaching**.
- Recipient(s) must have **grades acceptable to their enrollment** or continuation in their college or university.
- Applicant **must** submit a **brief written statement** providing some of the reasons you have chosen to pursue a degree in accounting, religion, or teaching.
- Priority will be given to persons of high moral character and demonstrated financial need.

II. Ira and Anna Williams Memorial Scholarship: Made possible by funding from the family of Ira and Anna Williams.

- Scholarship will be \$1,000.00 (2 scholarships will be awarded)
- Applicant must be an active member of MUMC.
- Preferred undergraduate degree/ bachelor's degree candidates, but Graduate study applicants will also be considered.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited institution in the pursuit of a degree in one of the following areas:
 - Early childhood, primary or secondary education
 - Music or music education.
- Candidates may reapply for this scholarship as long as they are in their degree program.
- Candidate should have a strong academic record with minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Applicants must be of good character, have true financial need for scholarship, demonstrate traits of caring, compassion, justice, and academic achievement.
- Applicant must submit a brief (2 Page Max.) written statement providing some of the reasons why you have chosen to pursue a career in education or music. This statement must demonstrate a similar commitment to the importance of music and education as it did to Mr. & Mrs. Williams, as well as display some of the other attributes that the family loved about Ira & Anna:
 - Caring and selfless, who always put the needs of others before themselves.
 - Always hard workers, sacrificing of themselves for their family and friends
 - People of grit, who could face obstacles and set-backs, unwavering in their trust in God to make a path for them forward.
 - People who loved children and saw them for what they could be in spite of their current situations
 - Humble people who worked for God's glory not their own

III. Jeanette VanBoskerck Vickers Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is given in honor and memory of Jeanette VanBoskerck Vickers, and goes to support nursing candidates in an Associate or BSN program.

- Scholarship amount is \$500.00 per semester, distributed over 4 semesters, for a total of \$2,000. (Subject to availability of funds.)
- Applicant **must be a member of MUMC or an active participant in the United Youth or United Young Adult Ministry.**
- Applicant must be **enrolled in either an Associate Degree Nursing program or in a BSN program.** [Community College Students are eligible at the beginning of study for the first 2 years of study ONLY. Four year BSN students are ONLY eligible for Junior or Senior year.] - **Please note how many years you have been in this course of study on your application.**
- Applicants must remain enrolled in the nursing program in order to receive the scholarship each semester.
- Applicant **must** submit a brief (2 Page Max.) **written statement** providing some of the reasons you have chosen to pursue a in nursing. This statement must include ways that the applicant demonstrates a caring, compassionate, and justice centered mindset.
- Applicants must show an academic achievement of at least a 3.0 GPA.

IV. Jeremiah 29:11 Scholarship: Made possible by funding given in thanksgiving for parents and grandparents who taught the value of education and who modeled a life of Christian service.

- Scholarship will be \$1,500.00. (2 scholarships will be awarded).
- Applicant must be an active participant in the MUMC United Youth or United Young Adult Ministry.
- Applicant must be accepted by, or enrolled in, an accredited institution of higher learning including:
 - 4-year institution of higher learning
 - Community college
 - Vocational/Technical school
- Applicant must have a demonstrated financial need.
- Applicant must submit a brief written statement describing which coursework they are most looking forward to, and why.
- This scholarship is granted for one year. Recipients are eligible to re-apply for additional year(s).

V. Justin Tanger Memorial Scholarship: Made possible by funding from the family and friends of Justin Tanger.

- Minimum amount of scholarship will be \$2,000.00.
- Applicant must be a **member of MUMC.**
- Applicant must be **accepted by or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program** at an accredited college or university.
- Applicant must be full-time student in the field of Special Education, a field related to Special Education or in the field of Mental Health.
- Applicants must maintain **a 2.5 grade point average.**
- Applicants must have a **demonstrated financial need.**

VI. Michael R. Maloney Memorial Scholarship: Made possible by funding from the family and friends of Michael R. Maloney.

- Minimum amount of scholarship will be \$1,000 (2 scholarships will be awarded).
- Applicant must be a **member of MUMC**.
- Applicant must be **accepted by or enrolled as a full-time student in an undergraduate program at an accredited college or university**.
- Applicants must maintain a **2.5 grade point average**.

VII. Sylvia Strong Scholarship: Established in memory of Sylvia Strong and administered by the Family Covenant Adult class.

- Scholarship amount to be determined.
- Applicant will be selected with priority given to the following intended majors **in the following order**:
 1. Teaching
 2. Human Service Fields
 3. Any other disciplines
- Applicant **must be a member of MUMC**. Priority given to those with financial need.

VIII. UMW (United Women in Faith) College/Continuing Education Scholarship: Made possible by funding from the Matthews United Methodist Church United Women in Faith.

- Amount of scholarship \$1,500.00. (2 scholarships will be awarded)
- The scholarship will be awarded to up to two **female** members of our congregation who are pursuing higher education in an undergraduate level program. The awarding of this scholarship is based on the criteria listed below and the point value indicated for each category.

1. **Membership in MUMC** (required)
2. **Acceptance by an institution of higher learning including:** (required)
 - a) 4-year institution of higher learning
 - b) Community college
 - c) Vocational/Technical school
3. **Need for financial assistance** (15 points)
4. **Exhibiting Christian leadership by:** (35 points)
 - a) Involvement in MUMC & church related functions
 - b) Involvement in other Christian clubs
 - c) Involvement in outreach activities
5. **Completion of written essay:** (50 points)
 - a) Topic: My College/Continuing Education Will Benefit God's World Because...
 - b) Length of essay: at least **500 words**

ALL Scholarships are granted for one year, but recipients are eligible to re-apply the following year. An interview may be scheduled as part of the application process.

**If you have any questions regarding the available scholarships or the application process, please contact Pastor Corey Millet, Director of Youth, College-Age, & Young Adult Ministries at 704-815-1941 or corey@matthewsumc.org.
Church address: 801 S. Trade St., Matthews, NC 28105**



2025 MUMC STANDARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please answer each question thoroughly to receive consideration. Please paper clip a current photograph of yourself to the top of this application so that we may identify you.

Which scholarship(s) do you wish to be considered for? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Barnhardt Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Ira and Anna Williams | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeanette VanBoskerck Vickers | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 29:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Tanger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael R. Maloney | <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Strong | <input type="checkbox"/> UMWF |

A separate application must be completed for each scholarship you are applying for.

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Complete address _____

Telephone _____ (home) _____ (cell/other)

Email address _____

Year in school _____ Grade point average _____

College classification this fall: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior
☐ Student with Special Needs ☐ Grad student

Anticipated college graduation date _____

Marital/support status: ☐ Single/self-supporting ☐ Single/parental support
☐ Married/shared support ☐ Married/parental support

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

Spouse's name and occupation, if applicable _____

List names, ages, and grade level of dependent children in family (*use back if need more space*):

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Name of college you attend/plan to attend _____

Have you received acceptance? _____ What will be your major? _____

Will you be enrolled for the academic year full-time? _____

Please attach a copy of acceptance or enrollment letter from your anticipated/current school.

Where will you be living while in school? ☐ On campus ☐ With parents ☐ Other _____
(specify)

If you are uncertain of your major, what are some of your academic interests? _____

List any organizations (school and community) with which you are involved, offices you hold, awards you have received, etc. (*use back if need more space*) _____

List any jobs you have had: full-time, part-time, after school or during summers.

Please describe the church ministries and activities you have been involved with (*use a separate sheet if necessary*):

Please provide us with a brief description of your educational and career goals:

List three (3) non-relative references (*name, phone number, e-mail, relationship to applicant*):

1.

2.

3.

Are you a member of Matthews United Methodist Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long have you been regularly attending Matthews United Methodist Church?

I affirm that all the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that the funds given to me by the scholarship committee will be used solely for educational purposes.

I am aware that if I drop out of school during the term I received scholarship funds, I must contact the church to make them aware of the situation. I also understand that depending upon the circumstances and at the committee's discretion, I may be required to return the awarded funds.

SIGNATURE

 DATE

SIGNATURES OF PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN

 DATE

 DATE

2025 Education Expenses & Resources

This financial form must be completed for each scholarship you are applying for.

Estimated expenses for school year:

Tuition & Fees: \$ _____
Room & Board: \$ _____
Books: \$ _____
Transportation: \$ _____
Personal: \$ _____
*Other: \$ _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

*Explanation of other expenses: _____

Student Financial resources:

Parents' combined GROSS income: \$ _____ Parent contribution: \$ _____
Savings on hand: \$ _____
Support from spouse (if applicable) \$ _____
Grants: \$ _____
(*please specify amount & source of grant*) \$ _____
Scholarships: \$ _____
(*please specify amount & source of scholarship*) \$ _____
Work study: \$ _____
Loans: \$ _____
(*please specify amount & source of loan*) \$ _____

TOTAL RESOURCES: \$ _____

Please list names of boards, agencies or organizations from which you have sought financial aid for educational expenses:

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

DATE _____