

# Scholarships Opportunities for Theological Schools

## Outside Scholarships

There are many scholarship opportunities available for students willing to do some research. Remember, every little bit helps in paying for school.

Students are cautioned about sending money to agencies claiming to help find scholarship resources. With a little effort, students can find the same resources for free.

- ✓ Inquire about scholarships within your community, church, and/or denominational affiliation
- ✓ Do NOT pay to apply for scholarships. There are companies that scam students by charging fees to search for scholarships

## Denominational Awards

Students are encouraged to contact their local church regarding financial support through special offerings, discretionary funds, and book grants. United Methodist students should check with their conference office regarding ministerial education funds and other conference support. Other students should contact their denomination for additional information. Links provided below are for your convenience and are subject to change.

### Disciples of Christ

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/clergy/scholarships/>

### Episcopalian

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/episcopal-church-scholarships>

### Presbyterian

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/financialaid/graduatetheological-programs/presbyterian-study-grant/>

### United Church of Christ

<http://www.ucc.org/scholarships>

### United Methodist Loan & Scholarship info

<https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/>

### Unitarian Universalist

<http://www.uua.org/awards>

## Non-Denominational Awards

### Church Mutual: 25 scholarships to seminarians for \$2,500 each

<https://www.churchmutual.com/cmcares/cmcares-scholars.cfm>

**Order of the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership – This runs by state chapters. Here is Colorado's:**

<http://oes-colorado.org/Home/Benevolent-Projects-Scholarship-Info/ESTARL-Eastern-Star-Training-Awards-for-Religious-Leadership>

## **Scholarship Opportunities Based on Race or Ethnicity**

Be sure to check with the individual scholarship for time requirements. It is possible that information may change. Please contact these agencies directly for application information.

### **Fund for Theological Education, Inc.**

<https://fteleaders.org/grants-and-fellowships>

The FTE offers two categories of support for students in theology: Fellowships for Latino/a, Asian and First Nations Doctoral Students & Fellowships for Doctoral Students of African Descent.

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Education Programs**

1849 C Street NW

Washington, DC 20240

(202) 208-5962

<http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/>

### **United Negro College Fund**

<https://uncf.org/scholarships>

### **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

### **Korean American Scholarship Foundation**

<https://www.kasf.org/apply-msrc/>

### **Jewish Studies Scholarships**

<https://www.associationforjewishstudies.org/professional-development/fellowships-and-awards>

## **Additional Search Resources**

Financial aid resources are available in local libraries and through the internet.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-directory>

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

[www.collegescholarships.org/](http://www.collegescholarships.org/)

[www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/academic-major/theology](http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/academic-major/theology)

**Employer Assistance Programs**

Don't overlook your employer. Employer tuition reimbursement is tax-free up to \$5,250 as of 2023.

**Local Foundation Support**

Many local foundations provide scholarships and support for students in Higher Education.