

Trinity United Methodist Church

2025 Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements

Please carefully read and review all eligibility requirements listed on

this page before starting the application process

1. The applicant has been accepted by or is attending an accredited and approved institution of higher learning.
2. The applicant cannot be a recipient of more than one Trinity UMC scholarship in the same year.
3. Applicants should be geographically located within the southern Maryland region.
4. High school graduates and current college attendees must submit official transcripts of their grades provided by the institution guidance or academic records office. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted. The transcripts should be signed by the institution's representative, sealed and mailed or delivered to the Trinity United Methodist Church office, or, submitted electronically from the guidance counselor or academic records office to churchoffice@trinityumchurch.org by the date required below. Based on the circumstances, it is understood that returning adults may not have recent transcripts to submit.
5. On an attached sheet, provide a 1-2 page essay answering the question of "How has God shaped you as an individual and how do you keep Him as a focus in your life?"
6. Please carefully review the criteria for each scholarship to determine your eligibility and also for additional requirements for submission. If you are unsure of your eligibility, be liberal in checking those for which you may think you are eligible. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make a final determination of eligibility.
7. All questions on the application should be answered completely and applicants are to follow the specific directions on the application form. Example, be sure to list by number and provide dates where requested.
8. No attachments such as resumes, recommendations or any other documents will be considered.
9. **Completed** application packages are to be returned to the Trinity United Methodist Church office electronically via email to churchoffice@trinityumchurch.org, or hard copies sent via mail or hand delivered to 90 Church St., Prince Frederick MD 20678. **The completed application and official transcripts must be received on or before 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2025.**
10. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
11. Applicants will be notified if they are a recipient of one of the scholarships no later than Friday, May 16, 2025. Scholarship recipients will be recognized on Sunday, June 1, 2025, during the Trinity United Methodist Church 10:30 a.m. service.

Many scholarships indicate priority will be given to "a member of Trinity United Methodist Church." What does this mean?

Any of the scholarships indicating that the applicant must be a member of Trinity United Methodist Church refer to having received a full membership and having received a certificate of membership.

Clarifications:

- Full (professing) membership of the church involves appearing before the congregation, taking vows publicly confessing Jesus Christ as Lord while promising to serve Him and being received by the church through welcoming. When someone joins the church, they are given a Certificate of Membership.
- An infant or child baptized is considered a "preparatory member" and is not a full member.
- A baptized member who doesn't confess Jesus Christ as Lord, publicly, in a covenant service, by the age of 18, can become a "constituent" but does not have the responsibilities or privileges of a full member.
- Simply attending worship and giving financially to the church does not make one a full member.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Scholarships Requiring Trinity United Methodist Church Membership

Trinity United Methodist Church Scholarship Criteria: The applicant is (1) a student in good standing in a current graduating class in Calvert County and (2) must be an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church for the past two years.

Jay Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Criteria: The applicant (1) must be a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and (2) preference will be given to someone with a career in music.

Scholarships for Demonstrated Need, Ethnic Minorities, Future Teachers, Returning and Current Adult Students

These five scholarships are open to all Southern Maryland graduating high school seniors and college students meeting the described criteria.

Michael Andrew Cosby Memorial Scholarship Criteria: Priority will be given to an applicant who is an active member of a Christian church, active involvement in a church youth group during high school, and shows a demonstrated financial need.

W. Monnett Gott Memorial Scholarship Criteria: The scholarship must be awarded to an ethnic minority. The EEOC Guidelines for Minority Groups will be used as a reference and can be found @ <http://www.archives.gov/eo/terminology.html>.

Robert and Ruth Hall Memorial Scholarship Criteria: The applicant is a returning adult student or a current college student with 60 or more credits.

Josh Medlin Memorial Scholarship Criteria: The applicant must show demonstrated need.

Barbara Weaver Memorial Scholarship Criteria: The applicant must specifically be entering in the field to become a teacher. If there are no applicants meeting the criteria, then the scholarship will not be awarded.

Trinity United Methodist Church Membership Priority

Priority is given to applicants who are Trinity UMC members. If there are no Trinity UMC members meeting the criteria then scholarships will be awarded to non-Trinity United Methodist Church members meeting the criteria.

Alma Turner Bowen Memorial Scholarship Criteria: (1) The applicant is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church or actively involved in a Christian church and (2) the applicant is in good standing in a current graduating class or a returning college student who is a resident of Calvert County.

Philip and Joan Harper Memorial Scholarship Criteria: Priority is to be given to a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

William H. Scrivener Memorial Scholarship Criteria: Priority is to be given to a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the applicant is (1) a student in good standing in a current graduating class in Calvert County (2) preference is given to a student that is involved in a church youth group.

Kenneth and Roberta Van Duzer Memorial Scholarship Criteria: Priority is to be given to a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

List all dependents of your parents or guardians as per their tax return. If you are an adult student no longer living with your parents, list yourself, spouse and any children, if applicable. Provide name, relationship, and the school each individual is presently attending:

Name of high school or college presently attending: _____

If attending college, what year are you? _____

Weighted Grade Point Averages (GPA) will be used if available.

Are you a returning adult student? Yes No If yes, what is your occupation? _____

Are you employed? Yes No If yes, check applicable description: Full Time Part Time

Are you a parent? Yes No If yes, # of children _____

Are you a caregiver? Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

Name of college or technical school you plan to attend: _____

Have you applied and been accepted? _____

Please list your proposed major course of study:

Family income, or personal income if self-supporting (as per adjusted gross income of household from previous year's taxes):

___ over \$150,000 ___ \$100,000-\$150,000 ___ \$75,000-\$100,000 ___ \$50,000-\$75,000 ___ under \$50,000

Have you previously been awarded any other scholarships from Trinity United Methodist Church? _____

Please list each Trinity United Methodist Church scholarship previously awarded by name & year received:

Academic Honors and Awards: List any academic honors and/or awards you have received in the past 2 years. Please number each and circle, or highlight, the year of each award (*add lines as needed*):

Academic Honor or Award - Please List	School Year 2023 - 2024	School Year 2024 - 2025
1.		
2.		
3.		
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8.		

Name of current church:

[Redacted area]

If other than Trinity United Methodist Church, please list the name, address and contact information for the senior pastor (email address, phone number) so the Scholarship Committee can contact them for references.

[Redacted area]

Active member? Yes (Describe below) No

Church Activities: List church activities in which you have been involved over the past 2 years. Please number each and circle, or highlight, the year you participated in each activity (*add lines as needed*):

Church Activities - Please List	School Year 2023 - 2024	School Year 2024 - 2025
1.		
2.		
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School and/or community activities: List school (*other than academic*) and/or community activities in which you have been involved or other achievements over the past 2 years. Please number each and circle, or highlight, the year you participated in each activity (*add lines as needed*):

School (non-academic) and Community Activities - Please List	School Year 2023 - 2024	School Year 2024 - 2025
1.		
2.		
3.		
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For graduating high school seniors only, Signature of principal or academic counselor (digital is acceptable):

[Redacted area]

For all applicants, Signature of the applicant (digital is acceptable):

[Redacted area]

EXAMPLES of ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & ACADEMIC HONORS

Church Activities

Sunday School
Mission Trips
Youth Group
Nursing Home Visits
Feeding Homeless
VBS Assistant
Sunday School Assistant
Church Dinners
Choir
Orchestra/Bells
Plays
Liturgist

School Activities

Debate Team
Mock Trial
Wrestling
Football
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer
Lacrosse
Volleyball
Track & Field
Cross Country
Swimming
Cheerleading
Dance
Pom-Pom
Scholastic/Career Clubs
Fundraising
Other - Personal Interests
Marching Band
Performance Bands/Orchestra
Performance Choirs

Academic Honors and Awards

History Fair Award
Science Fair Award
Honor Roll
Citizenship Award
Dean's List
President's List
Principal's Academic Excellence Award
National Honor Society
National Merit Scholarship
"Subject" Honor Society
Sorority/Fraternity Honor Society
National Technical Honor Society
Advanced Placement Distinguished Scholar
Minds in Motion - Student/Athlete Award

Community Activities

4-H
Scouts
Food Drive/Pantry Volunteer
Soup Kitchen Volunteer
Pet Shelter/Animals Volunteer
Adult/Children Reading Program
Adopt a Highway
First Responder Program
Community Clean-Up
Nursing Home Volunteer
Troop Support
Environment
Hospital Volunteer
Farming for Hunger Volunteer
End Hunger Volunteer
Blood Drive
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
Christmas in April Volunteer
Community Mentorship Program