



United  
Women  
in Faith

**The BWC United Women in  
Faith Scholarship Fund  
Application Packet  
2025-2026**

# SCHOLARSHIP



## History & Legacy

United Women in Faith inherits the vision and toil of women's missionary societies of eight denominations since 1869. Its 140-year legacy started when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India.

Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and society.

In 1875, Lizzie Hoffman was instrumental in forming the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church. After spending one night praying, she was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work. Sierra Leone, in Africa, was the first country to which missionaries were sent.

In 1879, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was founded, and in 1884, the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the Evangelical Association. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects.

In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church General Conference 2012 voted to make the United Methodist Women's national policymaking body autonomous. The transition began Oct. 1, 2012.

Harriett Jane Olson, in her chief executive report at the organization's annual meeting in New York City, October 2013, reported, **"Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up, making our voices heard,"** she said. **"We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children, and youth."**

So, we, the BWC United Women in Faith, are honored to continue the traditions of mission, support and love to women, children, and youth. Our purpose, to be a community of women, to know God, to develop a creative and supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission, embodies our mission to advocate for justice, foster spiritual growth, and develop leaders.

Our scholarship is a support of women, children, and youth by offering financial assistance to high school graduates, undergraduate, and graduate college students.

## **BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Application Information**

**Individual scholarships up to \$1000.00 will be awarded annually.**

- Applicant must be an active member of a BWC United Methodist Church.
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (**confirmed by applicant's current transcript**).
- Applicants must be applying to be a full-time student at a community college or university and carrying a minimum of **12** credit hours **OR** a part-time student carrying a minimum of **six** credit hours per semester/quarter.
- Applicants must explain scholarship needs (**not more than 200 words in writing**) that would help the Scholarship Committee better understand your situation or any other circumstances that affect your need for funds from this scholarship.
- Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation **on church letterhead** documenting active service to the mission of the church and community from your Pastor and/or **Youth or Young Adult Ministry Leader**
- **Eligible applicants must complete and submit a new application packet each year.**
- **All recipients are expected to speak either in person or via video at the annual BWC United Women in Faith Celebration.**
- Send your current e-transcript to **kwalker@bwcumc.org** or send a current official, sealed transcript of your grades (high school or college) to the BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson:  

**Kim Marie Walker P O Box 879 Millersville, Maryland 21108**
- **ALL MATERIALS:** the completed application, current transcript(s), applicant's letter of need, and letter of recommendation from your church, must be **received electronically** by **Aug 1, 2025, by 11:59 PM**. Please submit any questions or concerns to the BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson **at kwalker@bwcumc.org**.
- The signature page requiring the applicant and the Pastor's signature must be completed and submitted with the application. **Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**
- Scholarships will be awarded once the applicant is accepted and enrolled in the school of his/her choice. **Financial deposits will be made directly to the academic institution. The presentation or virtual presentation of the award will be done at the applicant's home church by the BWC United Women in Faith during a time approved by the church/pastor.**



City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College Admission/Finance Office Phone:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Use the space below or attach separate sheets to explain your scholarship needs in no more than 200 words. This will help the BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee better understand your situation or any other circumstances that should be taken into consideration.**

**Applicant Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarship Application Checklist

- Application completed and submitted by \_\_\_\_\_
  - Active member of a BWC United Methodist Church
  - Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
  - Full-time student at a community college or university carrying a minimum of **12**.
  - credit hours **OR** a part-time student carrying a minimum of **six** credit hours per semester/quarter.
- Completed letter of need.
- Pastor/Youth or Young Adult Ministry Leader letter of recommendation.
- e-Transcript or official sealed transcript received.
- College Admissions/Finance Office phone contact number

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**

**DISAPPROVED**

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee members voting:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>


President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_