

SCHOLARSHIP

THE AMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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HISTORY OF THE AMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2003, Maria E. Beckett, former President and CEO of Maricom Systems, Inc., a Maryland based Information Technology solutions provider, endowed AMES United Methodist Church with a generous scholarship fund. The Oliver W. Colbert-Joseph Bond Memorial Scholarship was established at \$25,000, having an annual distribution for 5 years (2003-2007). Students were awarded for outstanding academic achievement and for outstanding church and community service. In 2007, Maria Beckett generously announced another stipend of \$25,000 to provide scholarships for 2008-2012 under the same award criteria.

Today, the Scholarship Committee obtained financial support from AMES UMC for membership and fundraising activities in Harford County. Fundraising activities include, a Fundraising Letter and Pledge Envelope Campaign, hosting the Gospel Comedy Dinner Theatre and Art Auction, a Bowl-A-Thon and a Valentine's Day Jazz Dinner.

There are two scholarships available from AMES UMC, one for Christian Scholars residing in Harford County, Maryland and are a Harford County high school graduate and one for Christian Scholars who are members of AMES UMC.

Students must be accepted at an accredited four-year institution of higher education, to qualify for a scholarship. Students who matriculate at two-year colleges or career schools may also qualify for scholarships. AMES UMC Scholarship Committee reviews applications, interviews applicable candidates, and selects all recipients of AMES Scholarship funds.

The motto of the AMES Scholarship Committee is, "Supporting Christian Scholars Is an Investment in the Future."



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2026 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

To apply for this scholarship, students must:

1. Be a **resident** of Harford County, Maryland.
2. Be an **active member** of a church or place of worship. Candidates must have actively participated in programs available at/or sponsored by church or place of worship for **12 months prior** to applying.
3. Submit name of church, place, or worship, name of clergy person, phone number, and e-mail address (if e-mail address is available).
4. Have received and submitted an acceptance letter in good standing from an accredited institute of higher learning.
5. Be entering the first year at an accredited institute of higher education.
6. Have a **cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher** at the time of application.
7. Submit three reference letters. One from a high school teacher, one from a community person, and one from a member of a church or place of worship.
8. Submit evidence of active community service.
9. Submit a Student Statement/Essay (see application).
10. Submit an **official High School transcript**.
11. Be able to attend an interview with the AMES Scholarship Committee if selected as a finalist.

Application Due Date and Mailing Address

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2026. All incomplete and lately received applications will be rejected and returned to the applicant with no further action taken for consideration by the Scholarship Committee. Please mail completed applications and corresponding documents to:

**AMES United Methodist Church Scholarship
112 Baltimore Pike
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2026 APPLICATION *Type or Print in black ink.*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ County: _____

Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Gender (**Optional**): _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Church or place of worship: _____

Street Address: _____

Name of clergyperson: _____

Clergyperson's Telephone: _____

Clergyperson's E-Mail (if available): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Daytime or Cellular Telephone: _____

Evening Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

APPLICANT AND PARENT (SIGNATURE AND DATES REQUIRED)

Applicant Signature : _____

Date Signed : _____

Parent or Legal Guardians Signature : _____

Date Signed : _____



STUDENT STATEMENT

Please type a one-page summary based on one of the following questions/topics:

1. What do you plan to study in college? How will this field of study contribute to your career goals?
2. How do you see yourself fulfilling your commitment as a Christian, through your future career?
3. Describe the ways that you have demonstrated leadership both in and out of school.
4. Why did you select your chosen institution of higher learning? How will it help you to fulfill your goals?

Remember to proofread your essay.
It is part of your scholarship application.