

2008-2009
EAST OHIO RACIAL ETHNIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES

The **East Ohio Racial Ethnic Merit Scholarship** is administered by the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, which awards scholarships to racial ethnic students (Native American, Asian American, Black American or Hispanic American) based upon **merit** (GPA of 3.0 or higher). These are one year scholarships, yet a student may apply each year of their schooling. Notification of scholarship awards will be made no later than **June 1, 2008. (Please do not call before this date).**

Questions concerning of the **East Ohio Merit Scholarship** or other United Methodist scholarships and loans should be directed to *Rev. Gary W. Jones* at 800-831-3972 Ext. 120 or e-mail gary@eocumc.com with your questions.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF TYPED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE

1. The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be of one of the following racial ethnic origins: Native American, Asian American, Black American or Hispanic American.
2. The student must be an **active member** of a United Methodist Church in East Ohio, and admitted to or attending a United Methodist college or university for the 2008-2009 college year. A limited amount of funds are being designated for United Methodist Church members attending non-United Methodist Church colleges and universities. (Criteria: The United Methodist Church member must be pursuing a course of study not available at a United Methodist college or university.)
3. Each student applicant must be recommended by a local United Methodist Church. A form is attached for the student to give to their local church Administrative Board/Council. Form is to be filled out by church officers and returned to student.
4. The Student Application form **MUST** be completed by the student and not by a third party (such as parent).
5. **All materials** should be sent to **East Ohio Racial Ethnic Merit Scholarship**, 8800 Cleveland Ave. NW., PO Box 2800, North Canton, Ohio 44720, **postmarked no later than March 14, 2008.** (There are no exceptions to this deadline, please do not ask.)
6. The student **MUST** submit **ALL** material for the application to be considered. A complete application will include:
 - _____ Student Application Form
 - _____ Administrative Board Recommendation Form
 - _____ A personal letter of recommendation from a pastor or lay person (who is not a relative) who knows you well which states:
 - a) The length of time you've known the applicant
 - b) How you have worked/related with the applicant
 - c) Why you feel the applicant is deserving of a scholarship.
6. It is the **APPLICANT'S** responsibility to make sure recommendations and forms are submitted on time.

All scholarship application material should be postmarked by MARCH 14, 2008 and mailed to:

East Ohio RACIAL ETHNIC Merit Scholarship
Attention: Rev. Gary W. Jones
8800 Cleveland Avenue N.W.
P.O. Box 2800
North Canton, OH 44720

Administrative Board Recommendation Form

Dear Administrative Board Chairperson,

We are asking the Administrative Board of the local church of each applicant to interview the applicant and to consider a formal recommendation. **If the Board does not have a regular meeting prior to the scholarship deadline of March 14, 2008 then we do approve of this process being handled by at least the Ad. Board Chairperson, Pastor, and the church Lay Leader (or the local church Board of Higher Ed.).**

The Board, or the group of persons listed above, shall interview the student concerning his or her commitment to Christ, involvement in the United Methodist Church, career goals and college plans. It is our hope that every interview team will take seriously this responsibility and not sign these forms until said interview takes place (a phone conversation may also suffice when student is attending school away from home).

Please GIVE this completed form to the Applicant, so that they may turn it in with all their materials by March 14, 2008. PLEASE do not send separately!

It is not required of a church to contribute to the United Methodist Student Day offering for a student to receive an East Ohio Scholarship. However, such a contribution is strongly encouraged as the amount available for scholarships is related to contributions. If you have any questions, please contact *Rev. Gary W. Jones* at 800-831-3972 Ext. 120.

Sincerely,

East Ohio Scholarship Committee

This is to certify that the Administrative Board/or representative body of the _____ United Methodist Church met on (date) _____ to recommend applicant _____ for an **East Ohio Racial Ethnic Merit Scholarship.**

The applicant was received into membership in this congregation on _____, 20____.

Board Chairperson's Signature

Board Chairperson's Printed Name

Pastor's Signature

Pastor's Printed Name

Pastor's Phone Number

Pastor's E-mail Address

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Student Application Form

(Please type - applications will **not** be accepted unless they are typed or submitted online.)

Name in Full _____ Male _____ Female _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ Social Security# _____

E-Mail _____ GPA _____

Local Church: _____ District: _____

College/University _____

2008-2009 Class (circle one) College Freshman College Sophomore College Junior College Senior Other

Racial Ethnic Origin (circle one) Native American Asian American Black American Hispanic American

1. Please list School Activities and Achievements/Honors:

High School:

College:

2. Please list Church Involvement (Local, District, East Ohio):

3. Please list Community Volunteer Service (not church):

4. List college honors, achievements and goals (applies only to upperclass students).

5. List of scholarships already received for the 2008-2009 year.

6. Briefly explain your financial need.

7. Career choice or major interests.

8. Please tell us how your faith journey has helped you set priorities in your life. You may use an extra sheet if you wish; however, please limit to 500 words.