



Guy and Margaret Smith College Scholarship Guidelines (rev. 2026)

All applicants for scholarships must meet the following requirements:

1. Show financial need by one of several ways:
 - Be a member of a low-income family
 - Show a financial hardship (major illness with loss of income, job loss, multiple family members in college, others)
 - List all sources of financial support— scholarship, grant, loan, family
2. Be active in Nashville area United Methodist Church for at least 1 year prior to application (active in youth group, study group, volunteer activities, church programs).
3. Must have graduated from high school or completed GED requirements
4. All candidates must provide transcripts of most current grades from last school attended (high school or university) or GED certification. College GPA must be 2.0 or higher.
5. Show proof of acceptance into a university or college that is accredited by the Southern Assn of Colleges and Universities or its counterpart in other areas of USA.
6. Must be enrolled in an area of study for a career in a service-related field such as teaching, social work, health care, ministry, or counseling.
7. Complete the application and participate in an interview (if requested) as described below.
8. Submit three letters of reference to include a teacher, a church staff member and a person of applicant's choice.
9. Age at entry into college is not a criterion.

Process:

1. Application must be submitted by July 5, 2026 prior to the fall semester of the school year for which funds are awarded
2. Applications will be available from the Blakemore United Methodist Church office at 3601 West End Ave Nashville, TN 39205 or via the church website at www.blakemoreumc.org
3. Applications must be submitted to Blakemore United Methodist Church office at 3601 West End Ave, Attention: Nashville, TN 39205. Mailed applications should be marked Attention: Endowment Committee. Applications may also be emailed to nanpif@comcast.net.
4. Preference will be given to freshman candidates. Sophomore or higher level will be considered as well
5. Review committee will consist of 5 people (from endowment committee and church members)
6. The awards will consist of 4% of the scholarship fund not to exceed \$1000 per candidate.
7. If more than one candidate is selected, the award amount will be divided between the recipients (see # 4 above).
8. The deadline for application submission is July 5, 2026 and the decision on recipients will be completed by July 30, 2026.



Dorothy Knowles College Scholarship Guidelines (rev. 2026)

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Date received: _____ References: Proof of need:

APPLICATION

I am applying for the: Smith Scholarship Knowles Scholarship

This constitutes a request for consideration to receive scholarship financial aid from this endowment fund. The applicant believes he or she qualifies for consideration based on the criteria listed on the previous page. The Scholarship committee may request an informal interview with you to gain a better appreciation of your career and educational goals as well as financial need. If you need help with the application or have other questions, please contact Blakemore United Methodist Church office at 615-297-6519.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of birth: _____ Marital Status: _____ # of dependents _____

Address: _____

email: _____

Primary phone #: _____ Alternate phone # _____

Are you employed: Y / N Where: _____ # hours/week _____

If married, is spouse employed: Y / N # hours/week _____

Where: _____ Length of employment _____

Your income last year? _____ Family income last year? _____

List all sources and amounts of financial aid: **Please list on a separate sheet.**

What college/ university will you be attending? _____

Start date: _____ Living on campus? _____ If so, what is the cost? _____

What is the estimated tuition fees for 1 year (2 semesters)? _____

What is the estimated cost of books and supplies? _____

What field of study will you pursue? _____

Please attach a discussion on how you chose this field of study and your current career goals. For college students who have completed one year or more, please update the goals discussion to reflect if your career path has changed and how you plan to implement that path in the short term.

Please attach a separate sheet to provide this information.