



BOARD BOOKSHELF

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is an organization of our general church which operates nationally. One of the most helpful programs they offer is the **Dollars for Scholars** program. It is both innovative and simple. I encourage you to check it out at:

www.umhef.org

On the home page, pull down:

SCHOLARSHIP INFO

Then click on:

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

From here you will be able to read about:

Double Your Dollars for Scholars

Triple Your Dollars for Scholars

Quadruple Your Dollars for Scholars

You will also learn how a student applies, annual deadlines, and which colleges participate.

There you will also see that your Kentucky United Methodist Foundation is in select company as a listed **Quadruple Your Dollars Participating Partner**.

For a step-by-step guide, see sidebar on the back ↴

**EPWORTH UMC
ENDOWMENT SENDS
FOUR TO COLLEGE**

With fall almost here, how exciting to be heading off to college. If you have experienced this yourself, or been part of having your child or grandchild experience this, you know first-hand just what that thrill is like.

On the other hand, as a struggling student, or as the parent or grandparent, you probably experienced the equally strong trepidation at wondering just how to pay for it.

How gratifying it is then for the Kentucky United Methodist Foundation to have been an integral part of a wonderful dream to help make a college education possible for deserving students with financial needs.

Discussions began early in 2011 with the old Gateway UMC and Rev. Jim Meador. It was the dream of that congregation to find a way to use certain resources to provide a permanent source of funding to assist young men and women who sought a higher education, but could not afford it.

As the congregation was going through changes of its own, it became prudent to create the Beechmont / Oakdale / Gateway Scholarship Education Fund for the benefit of Epworth United Methodist Church. This was done with the assistance of the Foundation and placed at the Foundation for investment management and administration.

Gateway UMC subsequently merged with Epworth United Methodist Church and, per the terms of their Scholarship Education Fund policies, a properly constituted committee was formed from members of the newly merged congregations to oversee the fund and select award recipients.

Also in accordance with the terms of their policy, the church adopted a Sustainable Spending Policy which governs how much will be distributed in any given year from their endowment.

Most exciting of all, the committee, chaired by Donna Atherton, has just made the first four awards to assist deserving students attend college.

Read more about Donna Atherton and her commitment to higher education on the reverse side.

Your Kentucky United Methodist Foundation is pleased to have played a part in bringing this dream to fruition. That is our ministry and we work with churches, agencies, and districts all across the Conference to do just this kind of thing every day.

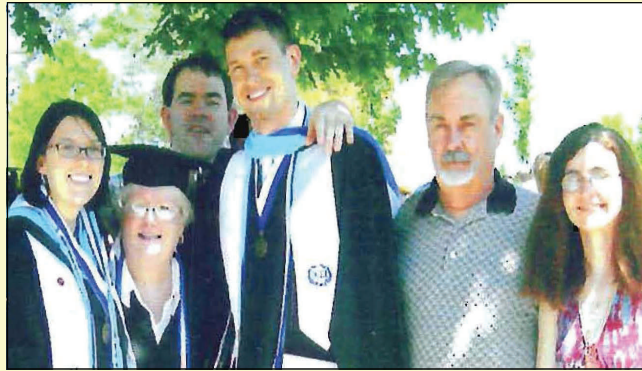
If your church has dreams, give us a call. We are here to partner with you to give those dreams a life of their own.

Remember, four young adults are right now experiencing the thrill of heading off to college - **just because a few caring United Methodists had a dream!**

David

Lindsey Wilson College is a Family Affair

Donna Atherton and her family have a tradition not only as members of the United Methodist Church, but also with Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, KY. She, her two sons, and now daughters-in-law, are all graduates of LWC. In 2008 Donna and son Adam walked across the stage together. Donna received her BS, while son Adam received his MS, having earned his BS in 2001.



L to R: Jillian, Donna, Andrew, Adam, James, and Maggie.

Donna's long history with the United Methodist Church, includes attending the same church, Epworth UMC in Louisville, since childhood where she was part of the youth group and also got married there.

Donna had attended college one year before marrying. Her youngest son, Adam, knew the importance his mother placed on education. Adam told her "Mom, I know you value a college education. Why don't you go back to school and earn your degree? You need to do this for yourself." Donna's response was, "Me, a Mom? I work full-time. How can I afford college?" She thought about what Adam had said, and with a leap of faith, and the support of her family, quit her job and commuted from Louisville to attend LWC.

Thanks to United Methodist scholarships Donna was able to attend LWC full-time. She feels her education was not only a blessing, but that it has rounded her out as an individual. Through her education, doors have opened - she works with at-risk students through the Jefferson County schools. Donna truly loves working with young people, encouraging them toward higher education and considering attending a Kentucky United Methodist college.

As Donna says **"One of John Wesley's core values was education. Just as my scholarship serves as a testimony to the connectional strength of United Methodism, I, in turn, am blessed to serve as chair of Epworth UMC's new scholarship committee that is making its first scholarship awards to deserving students pursuing a college education."** Donna is proud to 'pay it forward' and continue her United Methodist church's commitment to support higher education.

Quadruple Your Dollars

Each fall the Board of Directors of KUMF partners with the UM Higher Education Foundation to award 'Dollars For Scholars' scholarships. A \$1,000 scholarship is made available to each of our United Methodist colleges in the state (Lindsey Wilson College, Kentucky Wesleyan University, and Union College) which serves as a "quadrupling scholarship."

Do the Math

How can that be you might ask? Let's do the math: the first \$1,000 comes from the student's home church.

Then the UM Higher Education Foundation matches the \$1,000 (to make \$2,000).

Next, the United Methodist-related colleges who participate in the program (Lindsey Wilson, KY Wesleyan and Union) add another \$1,000 (which now makes \$3,000).

Finally, as a participating Foundation, your Kentucky United Methodist Foundation adds the last \$1,000 (to bring the total to \$4,000).

To learn more about the 'Dollar For Scholars' program and other scholarships available through UMHEF, go to www.umhef.org.

