



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Holston Foundation Awards Scholarships



\$94,500+

Scholarships to students because of
the generosity of United Methodists

The Holston Foundation announces its 2020 scholarship recipients. Because of the generosity of others over \$94,500 in scholarships has been given to higher education and seminary students for the upcoming school year!

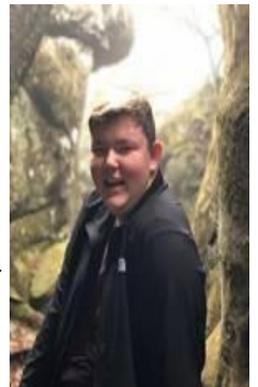
Higher Education Scholarships

Over \$58,000 in scholarships were awarded to 18 higher education students from the Holston Conference!

Nate Roark, a Holston Foundation scholarship recipient, shared his reflections on his unique senior year experience on UMC.org:

When my father passed away in 7th grade, I learned that bad things will happen and sad days will come, but that it is up to us to decide how and what to do with it. I found myself at a crossroad of faith and anger. I did not know what to do so I turned to God and his church.

[Read the full article](#)



Seminary Scholarships

Over \$36,000 in scholarships were awarded to 10 Holston Conference seminary students who are pursuing divinity degrees. We celebrate our 2020 Seminary Scholars:



SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Rachel Collins	Ethan Johnson
Tyler Crickenberger	Corey Miller
John Gargis	Walter Pierce
Kevin Gray	Evan Smith
Jason Humberd	Jennifer Spieth



Seminary is expensive! Ask your pastor. Donors make seminary scholarships possible and make a difference in the lives of pastors. Is making a gift to seminary scholarships something you are passionate about? Will you consider establishing a seminary scholarship or including scholarship funds in your will? The gift of a scholarship is an incredible way to leave a legacy. If you are interested in leaving a legacy through scholarships, contact [Paul Bowman](#), executive director, to have a conversation at 865-228-1796.



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The Holston Foundation continues to serve during this crisis. Are your church's finance, investment or endowment committees meeting virtually during this crisis? How do you feel most comfortable having a conversation about planned giving? The Holston Foundation is available to meet with you or your committee virtually OR in person as we seek to best serve you. Contact [Paul Bowman](#) today to schedule a conversation that best fits you and your church's needs.

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2020 Grant Awards

The Holston Foundation announces its 2020 grant awardees. The Foundation is proud to award more than \$140,000 in grants to United Methodist churches and ministries to make a difference in the name of Christ.

[Full List of Grant Awards](#)

Grants are made possible by the generosity of donors who sought to leave a legacy and their gifts continue to make an impact each year. If you are interested in leaving a legacy of generosity, contact [Paul Bowman](#), executive director, to have a conversation at 865-228-1796.

Diversification Matters

Why is diversification of your investments so important-especially in 2020? Brad Bower, chair of the Holston Foundation's professional investment committee and president of Patriot Investments, reflects on the current financial climate.

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