



## **The United Methodist Children's Home Knabe scholarship program**

### **PURPOSE**

To provide a higher education for college age foster kids in Tuscaloosa and Florence. Our Tuscaloosa scholarship home will house and provide a higher education for young men, and our Florence scholarship home will house and provide a higher education for young women. Providing these two homes will allow UMCH to care for children for longer periods of their life cycle, ensuring greater continuity and stability in their lives.

### **GOAL**

To provide college age foster students a stable and loving environment where they can seek a better life through faith in Jesus Christ and a higher education, and that UMCH will be with them every step of the way to adulthood. The goal is to cultivate growth in individuals that focus on academics, spiritual and social aspects tailored to each student's needs.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Students must be accepted to an institution of higher education in Tuscaloosa or Florence to qualify for the Knabe Scholarship program and meet the following requirements:

- High School 3.0 GPA or higher \*
- Student must come from a foster home or alternative living arrangement
- Student must show good moral character and leadership abilities
- Students must at the outset live in the scholarship home

\* a limited number of scholarships are available for those below a 3.0 GPA

**This application must be submitted April 14, 2017.**

No partial applications will be accepted.

### **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship Recipients will be known as Knabe Scholars. Knabe Scholars will be awarded subsequent scholarships as long as the following requirements are met:

- Knabe Scholar is on track to graduate according to guidelines the scholarship committee has established
- Knabe Scholar continues to display good moral character
- Knabe Scholar adheres to all policies of the scholarship home

### **QUESTIONS**

Contact Alan Swindall, North Alabama Regional Director with the United Methodist Children's Home at [alan.swindall@umch.net](mailto:alan.swindall@umch.net).

*Please complete and mail to the following address by **April 14, 2017**.*

**Attention: Alan Swindall  
North Alabama Regional Director  
United Methodist Children's Home  
898 Arkadelphia Road | Birmingham, AL 35204  
205-913-6608  
Alan.Swindall@umch.net**

## **Application Checklist**

- Completed application form
- Official academic transcripts
- Attached responses to questions
- Church/Community member letter of recommendation
- Academic letters of recommendation (2)
- Copy of letter of acceptance from UNA, UA, Shelton State, etc.
- ACT/SAT official test result



## Scholarship Home Application

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Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

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Date of Birth

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Permanent Address:

Street

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City

State

Zip

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County of Residence

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Primary Phone Number

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Email Address

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Name of Institutions to which you have applied (University of Alabama, Shelton State Community College, University of North Alabama or other institution in Florence or Tuscaloosa)

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Entering Institution as

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Anticipated College Graduation Date

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**High School Name**

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**High School Address:**

**Street**

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**City**

**State**

**Zip**

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**High School Phone Number**

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**Guidance Counselor**

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**Month, Year of Graduation**

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**Overall GPA (Please provide official transcript.)**

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**Class Rank/Size**

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**American College Test (ACT) Composite Score (please provide official test results also):**

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**Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Composite Score (please provide official test results also):**

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**Prior College(s) Attended**

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**Prior College Address:**

**Street**

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**City**

**State**

**Zip**

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**Prior College Phone Number**

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**Overall GPA (provide official transcript)**

**Hours Completed**

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## Honors & Awards

Check All That You Have Received.

PhiTheta Kappa

School Honor Society

National Honor Society

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Beta Club

Honors Graduate

Please list any additional Honors and Awards.

## Activities & Leadership

Athletics

Band

Religious/Church Related

Chorus

Student Council

Civic/Community

Cheerleading

Please note other Activities/Leadership

Note your leadership experience. Include offices that you have held.

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Do you drink alcohol? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use tobacco products? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use recreational drugs? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete your answers to the following questions and attach them to your application.**

**Financial Need**

**Explain your need for a UMCH Scholarship. List all financial assistance you expect to receive, including federal aid awards and scholarships.**

(250-500 word limit)

**Tell the UMCH Scholarship Committee why you might be particularly deserving or in need of the UMCH Scholarship.**

(250-500 word limit)

**Career Objective**

**Tell the UMCH Scholarship Committee what earning a college degree might help you achieve in your life.**

(250-500 word limit)

**Please write two essays on the following topics.**

(no more than two pages double spaced, size 12 font)

- 1. How has fostering/alternative living impacted your life?**
  
- 2. What is the most important thing you will bring to college?**

**Please attach 3 reference letters, one personal (church/community) and two academic.**

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**Affirmation**

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true, to the best of my knowledge. My signature also acts as assurance that I am living in alternative living arrangements or as a foster child. If awarded the UMCH Scholarship, I will abide by the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

Sign your name below to affirm that you have read and understand the statement above.

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

*Please make sure that this application form along with the Academic and Church/Community Member Recommendations are all mailed or emailed to Alan Swindall no later than April 14, 2016.*

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