



# COMMUNICATIONS

United Methodist Communications

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The Leonard M. Perryman  
Communications Scholarship Award  
for Ethnic Minority Undergraduate Students*

**Leonard M. Perryman** was a Methodist journalist for 30 years. He served as a writer and editor with the Methodist Board of Missions and held leadership positions in many church organizations and associations.

A graduate of Missouri Valley College, he studied at Columbia University and the University of North Carolina. Mr. Perryman continually fostered, supported, and encouraged the Missouri Priority on Ethnic Minority Local Church and the empowerment of women in the church. He died in 1983.

**The Leonard M. Perryman**  
**Communications Scholarship for Ethnic Minority Students**  
**for undergraduate study in religion journalism or mass communications**

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**Offered by United Methodist Communications**

**One annual award: \$2,500**

**Criteria:** Must be a United Methodist ethnic minority student enrolled at the junior or senior level in the journalism or communications department of an accredited college or university in the U.S.

**Purposes:**

To enable the recipient to continue studies in communication and to promote a level of excellence in communication on the undergraduate level by ethnic minority students. The term "communication" is meant to cover such media as audiovisual, electronic, and print journalism.

The Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarship for Ethnic Minority Students is offered annually in recognition of the late Mr. Perryman, a journalist for The United Methodist Church for nearly 30 years.

**Applicants:**

One scholarship will be awarded each year to the best United Methodist candidate. Employees of United Methodist Communications and members of the General Commission on Communication are not eligible for the scholarship.

**Submission deadline:**

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 15. Incomplete applications will not be submitted to the committee for consideration.

**Review process:**

The Leonard M. Perryman Scholarship Committee will meet around the first of April to review all completed applications and to make the selection for the award. Finalists may be called by the committee for a brief telephone interview. The winner will be notified by telephone soon after the selection has been made. All other applicants will receive written notice of the decision of the committee.

**Applicants are judged on five criteria:**

- Christian commitment and involvement in the life of The United Methodist Church
- Academic achievement as revealed by transcripts, grade point average, and the required letters of reference
- Journalistic experience and/or evidence of journalistic talent
- Clarity of purpose in plans and goals for the future
- Potential professional ability as a religion communicator

**Award process:**

One half of the \$2,500 award will be paid after the recipient provides proof of enrollment in an undergraduate program in an accredited school or department of journalism in the United States. The remainder of the award will be paid after the recipient provides proof of enrollment for the spring term. The award will not be paid for summer sessions.

**Instructions for applying:**

Where possible, please submit the following documents in electronic form [email or attached Microsoft Word (.doc), .Rich Text (.rtf) or PDF format] where possible. Photos should be in .JPG format, audio as MP3, wma or .wav and video for viewing in Quicktime (.mov, MPG,); Windows Media Player (.wmv, .avi) or Flash (.swf). If these files are too large to email, a link to a web viewing location is acceptable.

1. **Application form** completed and submitted electronically or printed and mailed.
2. **Request your official transcript** from your current institution of higher education and any others you have attended. Transcripts should be mailed by the school directly to the address listed in this application packet or emailed to [scholarships@umcom.org](mailto:scholarships@umcom.org). Submit your requests early as schools are frequently slow about responding to requests for transcripts. The college or university should include evidence of your enrollment at the junior or senior level in the journalism or communications department of the duly accredited college or university in the United States.
3. **Three letters of recommendation are required:**  
One letter of recommendation from each of the following shall be sent directly to us via mail or email to the addresses listed in this packet. Include telephone numbers for confirmation
  - (a) one from your local church pastor or a denominational official
  - (b) one from the chairperson of the department in which you are majoring as an undergraduate student; and
  - (c) one from an employer or supervisor in a position to evaluate your communications skills.

4. **Submit an essay of not more than 500 words** about your commitment to the Christian faith and your interest in communications, and how you see the two intersecting in your life presently and in your future.
5. **Submit three examples/copies of your journalistic work** (audiovisual, electronic, print).  
Note: Physical materials submitted will not be returned to you after the committee has completed its selection.
6. **Send a recent photograph of yourself** (hi-resolution digital photo in JPG format), preferably head and shoulders, suitable for publicity use if you are awarded the scholarship.

#### *Checklist:*

Before you submit your application, remember to:

- Request official transcript(s)
- Secure three letters of recommendation.
- Include a good personal photo.
- Submit three samples of your work.
- Include your essay.

#### *Submitting application and materials:*

Wherever possible, all materials should be sent via email as attachment in the requested formats. Please be sure to clearly identify each item with your name and the scholarship to which you are applying.

**Send all electronic submissions to:**  
[scholarships@umcom.org](mailto:scholarships@umcom.org)

**If materials must be mailed,  
use the following address:**

Perryman Scholarship Committee  
United Methodist Communications  
PO Box 320  
Nashville TN 37202-0320

**To contact us by telephone, please call:**  
866-521-1179

**If sending by FedEx or UPS,  
please use the street address:**

Perryman Scholarship Committee  
United Methodist Communications  
810 12th Avenue South  
Nashville TN 37203-4744

Application for the Leonard M. Perryman Communications Scholarship  
for Ethnic Minority Undergraduate Students  
each academic year beginning in the fall

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
first \_\_\_\_\_ middle \_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE of BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ADDRESS:

PO Box or Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different from above):

PO Box or Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY of CITIZENSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

Name of local church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box or Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ACTIVITIES (include responsibilities, offices held and dates):

## **WORK and LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES and ACTIVITIES:**

*List position held, activities and leadership roles, with the most recent at the top.*

## Nature of Position

## Location

## Inclusive Dates

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At the beginning of the next academic year:

Where will you be enrolled?

What will be your academic standing?      Junior      Senior

## Junior

## Senior

How many total hours will you have? \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC RECORD:

*List all colleges, professional or business schools attended, with the most recent at the top.*

Name of School

## Location

### Dates of Study

### Degree Received

### Graduation Date

## **HONORS:**

*List scholarships, honors or prizes you have received.*

## ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION:

Please tell us how you identify your ethnic heritage:

## HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarship Flyer UMC.org ResourceUMC.org UMCom.org UMNews.org Online Search

College/University      Local Church      Print/Web Ad (list where if you can):

Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_