



First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables

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RECIPIENTS IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

Meet some of our scholars and find out how receiving an **FUMCCG scholarship** - funded by your donations - has changed their lives:

"Before I graduated from High School, I knew I wanted to start college as soon as I could, but I was not sure how we were going to start paying for classes. Then I found out about the FUMCCG Educational Assistance Fund! When I was accepted, I was so excited to know that I was going to have additional funds to help me! Now, 4 years later due to the funds, I graduated May 2, 2015 with my AA degree in Speech Pathology and my AS degree in American Sign Language Interpreting! I could not of achieved this without the help of the funds! God truly did bless me!"

- SHANNON WATSON

"The church was my life in Miami and I learned so much from my Church family. Now, decades later, I am a Physicians Assistant with the help of FUMCCG. I work with the Department of Abdominal Transplant Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina. I also volunteer at a Christian Medical clinic in Charleston and enjoy being able to give back. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the Scholarship from the church. My education has been life altering experience."

- PATTY PECK

"The financial support provided to me by the church meant an education without the added burden of a full-time job or interest-accruing debt. These are no small considerations in times when tuition costs are at all-time highs and large swaths of my peer group are freighted by four and five figures of debt (and interest—my goodness, the interest). Marilyn Hicks and the entire FUMCCG staff were gracious and accommodating once I was done with my undergraduate degree and the time came to repay my loans; in short, they were people, people who cared about me and my future. For what more could I ask? For what else does the community created by a church create? The money, to an extent, is immaterial. It reflects something deeper: a measure of someone's belief in you. The church invested in me, one of its congregants, because they knew me and that was enough. Faith like that engenders confidence. That others—my family, the church—believed in me has made everything possible. In the fall, I begin my graduate studies in the MFA Programs in Writing at the University of California, Irvine. But this time with a full academic scholarship."

- JAIME LaLINDE

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WHO

WE ARE

62 YEARS AGO, in 1955, **First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables** established a scholarship program for Christian youth. Initially, the program provided scholarships only for students wishing to enter full-time professional church careers. Later, the program was broadened to include both scholarships and loans for church members with financial need for study in other career areas. In 2015, the loan program was discontinued and the program was changed to a scholarship program.

SERVING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The **FUMCCG Scholarship Program** is designed to honor students for their commitment to, and involvement in, the church as well as Christian character. The program seeks to provide financial assistance to full-time undergraduate students, seminary students, and graduate students who are members of **First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables**. Each year, students are invited to fill out an application and submit it to the church's scholarship committee, which is comprised of church members.

HELP US LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE

100% of your contribution will help someone in our congregation further their education!

There are several ways you can help today:

- You can donate directly to the scholarship fund by making your check payable to *FUMCCG* and noting *Scholarship Fund* in the memo line.
- Bless our youth by adding the *Scholarship Fund* to your will. For more than sixty years, church families have set up their own scholarship funds to support our students in specific fields such as:
 - The **Mims Scholarship** which provided scholarships for students pursuing medical school degrees
 - The **Charles E. Lane Scholarship** for students pursuing law degrees
 - The **Wicker Smith Scholarship** for law students attending Notre Dame or the University of Florida

For information on setting up a scholarship fund, please contact:

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FROM THE DREAM CHAMPIONS...

"The **Leon H. Mims, M.D. Memorial Scholarship for Medical School** assistance was started in 1984 by my son, Leon H. Mims, III., and me, Ruth Mims, as a memorial to my husband, an orthopedic surgeon. To date, there have been four recipients. Each came from families who had been active in our church! Our most recent recipient wrote, "My scholarship helped relieve the burden of my graduate school debt by assisting with my tuition payment. In addition to the monetary gift, it was meaningful to know that I was being supported by my church." Being able to help has been very gratifying to my son and me. We love our church and I know my husband would be most pleased that we've had a small part in promoting medical careers within *FUMCCG*."

- **RUTH MIMS**

"Investing in the youth of our congregation is one of the most meaningful and permanent ways that we can positively impact the future of our world. As the Chair of the Educational Assistance Fund, I am honored and privileged to work daily alongside our church members to help the next generation of dreamers achieve their goals."

- **MARILYN HICKS**