



CHRISTIAN DOLLARS for CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS

Scholarship Program

WHO WE ARE

63 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 a 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 Memorial Scholarship Program** is designed to honor students for their commitment to, and involvement in, the church and community 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.

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

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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 *Memorial Scholarship Fund* by making your check payable to *FUMCCG*, noting *Scholarship Fund* in the memo line, or by donating online at www.fumccg.org/give, *Scholarship Fund*.
- Bless our youth by adding the *Memorial Scholarship Fund* to your will.

■■■ 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 Committee*, I am honored and privileged to work daily alongside our church members to help the next generation of leaders achieve their goals. ■■■

- MARILYN HICKS

2018-2019 RECIPIENTS

We are proud to announce, and congratulate, the 2018-2019 recipients:

- Zebastian Alzamora
- John Archer
- Lauren Archer
- Josiah McLaughlin
- Catherine Montalvo
- Colleen Murray
- Victoria Rios

RECIPIENTS IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

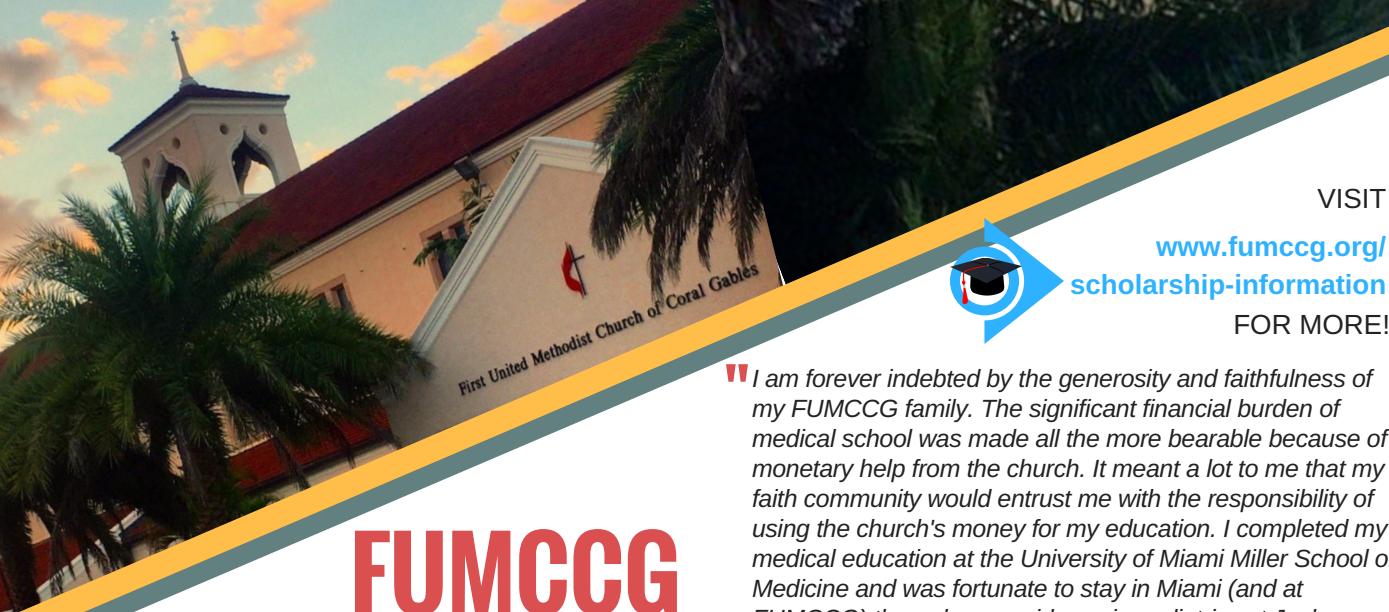
Meet some of our scholars and find out how receiving an **FUMCCG Memorial Scholarship** - **funded by your donations** - has changed their lives:

■■■ Since joining 6th-grade year at the *First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables*, I want to thank the *FUMCCG Educational Assistance Funds' Scholarship Program* committee, youth group, and the rest of the *FUMCCG* community for continuing to invest in their students. The *FUMCCG* allowed me the opportunity to volunteer in five mission, two located in Tennessee and one in Georgia with the *Team Effort* program, and two back-to-back mission trips to Ponce, Puerto Rico. *FUMCCG* members and I have sustained a firm relationship such as *Brother Milledge* and I working together on my eagle scout project which we coordinated the work of 50 volunteers planting native plants at the *Tropical Audubon Society*. Thank you *First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables* for supporting the youth group and college students who are studying around the nation as we strive to remain involved in our communities and faith. ■■■

- ZEBASTIAN ALZAMORA

■■■ My first year of college has been an incredible experience of tremendous growth, both of an emotional and spiritual kind. In this short year, I learned what it was to live on my own, to take care of myself, and to be accountable. Thanks to the church scholarship, the financial burden was alleviated, allowing me to maximize my involvement in school, experience living on campus, and motivated me to work hard so that I could honor the faith the church had in me. ■■■

- CATHERINE MONTALVO



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“The First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables has contributed to my education with the scholarship and to me spiritually with the principles and faith that have been instilled in me through my years of attendance. The church is still a part of my life as I continue to attend services at our campus chapel. One of my long-term goals after college is to perform in a church no matter where I live, as I have done for many years at FUMCCG. I sincerely thank the FUMCCG members and Education Committee for your support throughout my years at Vanderbilt. (Colleen is a Harp Perform Major at Vanderbilt University)“

- COLLEEN MURRAY

“They say it takes a village to raise a child. Being the only child of a single mother, I saw this firsthand. In 8th grade, the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables became a part of this village as I went through high school. When I went away to college, the church continued to support me. The money I received helped make it possible for me to pursue my dreams through the transformative experience that is higher education at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. After spending 4 years at a mid-sized ad agency, I am now at Wunderman (a global ad agency) in their DC office.“

- ALIX MONTES



VISIT

[www.fumccg.org/
scholarship-information](http://www.fumccg.org/scholarship-information)

FOR MORE!

“I am forever indebted by the generosity and faithfulness of my FUMCCG family. The significant financial burden of medical school was made all the more bearable because of monetary help from the church. It meant a lot to me that my faith community would entrust me with the responsibility of using the church's money for my education. I completed my medical education at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and was fortunate to stay in Miami (and at FUMCCG) through my residency in pediatrics at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Several years later, I am now a practicing pediatric oncologist, specializing in pediatric brain tumors. None of this would have been possible without the faithful giving of individual members of my church. Thank you, FUMCCG!“

- GEOFF KANNAN

“The scholarship loan from FUMCCG was a blessing to fill in the gap between other scholarships I earned and what costs my parents could help with, in order to allow me to attend the university of my choice. It was also a reminder of the love and support I had, and continue to feel, from my home congregation. I graduated in 2012 and am finishing my fifth year teaching 1st grade in Lee County, where I was recently named a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction.“

- AMANDA RODRIGUEZ (SHAFER)

“I have received the FUMCCG scholarship for the past 3 years as I've worked on a major in mechanical engineering and a minor in math education at the University of Florida. The church scholarship has been a blessing! It has helped cover various costs of attendance and has made my college experience that much easier. I am so thankful for the continued support of the FUMCCG family, and hope to one day contribute to a similar education scholarship fund at my own church.“

- JOSIAH MC LAUGHLIN



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