10 REASONS TO ATTEND A Black College FUND SCHOOL
The historically Black colleges and universities of The United Methodist Church, far out of proportion to their numbers and financial resources, are responsible for educating some of the world’s most effective and popular leaders - from preachers, district superintendents and bishops to college professors and presidents to general agency staff, legislators and community leaders. Further, these schools and their graduates have a rich legacy of service and are a source of great pride in their communities.

The faculties and staffs at these institutions expect the best from students, and many of them become lifelong mentors and friends to their students. They see the power of potential, and they nurture and extract it whether the students are National Merit Scholars or underachieving dreamers.

Students at these schools will tell you “Here I’m more than a number.” Small classes give students the opportunity for individualized attention and the space to grow and blossom. Yes, most small schools offer intimate classroom settings, low teacher/pupil ratios, and dedicated faculties but these schools help students understand that they are being educated for service and for leadership.

One professor put it this way, “Yes, I expect them to go out and make a lot of money, but it’s about more than that. I tell them I expect them to make a difference.”
Our only business is helping you achieve your educational goals.
A chance to work with world-class scholars and use cutting-edge technology.
Fellowship and friendship in a nurturing community.
7. A legacy of developing leadership for our nation and the world.
A community where you are a person, not a number, a home away from home.
A rich tradition of self-discovery through a values-centered education.
Opportunities to reach your full potential.
A campus where you can belong.
A space to find nourishment for Christian growth.
1. A place where you can be surrounded by the best and brightest in the world.

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The United Methodist Church supports the largest number of historically Black colleges and universities of any church body in the United States.

The 11 black colleges are located in the Southeastern and South Central jurisdictions.

Approximately 16,000 students are enrolled in our schools. Ninety percent of the students qualify for financial aid. The schools keep their tuition relatively low so students with low incomes may attend. The colleges are and always have been open to all.

One of the exceptional accomplishments regarding the administration of the Black College Fund is the small amount used for unrestricted and overhead expenses (less than 5 percent).

The Black College Fund distributes 95 percent of the funds equally to all 11 institutions. Those with the highest enrollments receive a slightly higher amount. Five percent of the funds are awarded for special projects or activities.

Once per quadrennium, each institution receives capital funds for facility improvement or enhancement. Recently this amount has been $250,000 per institution. Every fifth year or at the end of the quadrennium, each school also gets a capital residual check of approximately $200,000.

Each year, the goal of the Black College Fund increases by a small percentage. The church has been supporting the Black College Fund at about 83 percent.

In 2012, United Methodists gave $9,430,938 which was 89.8% of the apportionment.
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