

2011 Graduate Scholarship Application
New England Annual Conference Scholarship Program
for clergy and students preparing for ministry in the United Methodist Church
IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. **All questions** on the application form must be answered **completely** and **accurately**.
2. You are eligible for scholarship assistance if you are
 - a. A member of a United Methodist Church of the New England Conference or a clergy member of the New England Conference.
 - b. Enrolled in a **Graduate** degree program in preparation for ordained ministry or some other form of full-time Christian service in the United Methodist Church.
3. **The enclosed Recommendation form must accompany your application. It is up to you to see that it is filled out and attached to your application. The form may be filled out by one of the following persons: your pastor, Pastor-Parish Relations chair of your local church, your district superintendent, or a seminary professor.**
4. Personal and family income figures should be adjusted gross income before deductions as reported on the Internal Revenue Service Form 1040. These are your parents' figures if you are a dependent, or your personal and spouse's figures if you are independent.
5. Award notifications will be made in July, 2011. Awards will be granted only once in the 2011 calendar year.
6. When a grant is made, a check is sent to you in the summer, made payable to the institution in which you are enrolled. It is imperative that you notify us if you decide to withdraw or to attend a different school other than the one listed on your application.
7. If there are unusual circumstances or heavy financial obligations, please explain these fully. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more room than is available on the application.
8. Funds available for distribution each year are limited, and the size of the grants depends upon a variety of factors (e.g., interest earned on invested funds, number of qualified applicants, demonstrated financial need). We cannot provide full scholarships. Our goal is to provide you with supplemental income to assist you in your pursuit of education toward full-time Christian service.
9. Other financial aid may be available through the General Board of Higher Education, Office of Loans and Scholarships, PO Box 871, Nashville, TN 37202-0871. Telephone (615) 340-7400.

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Deadline for filing: Application must be **postmarked by June 11, 2011**

Return completed application to:

Continuing Education Committee, Board of Ordained Ministry
Cathy MacGovern
13 Bentley St.
Springfield MA 01108
413-736-5840
pascm@comcast.net

Applicant's Name _____

Permanent Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Number of dependents _____

Current Ordination Status:

Full Member Provisional Member Certified Candidate in the order of Deacon Elder

Other: (declared candidate, exploring candidate etc) Please specify: _____

To which District are you connected? _____

Current Appointment (if applicable) _____

Name of Seminary or University _____

Address while attending school _____

Degree being pursued _____

Commuter Resident Full-time Part-time

Progress towards completion _____

Anticipated date of completion _____

*Parent's taxable income before deductions \$ _____

*Parent's non-taxable income (e.g., military, welfare, SSI) \$ _____

*Number of exemptions claimed on parent's income tax form _____

Applicant's (and spouse's) taxable income before deductions \$ _____

Applicant's (and spouse's) non-taxable income: Veteran's benefits \$ _____

Social Security \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Applicant's educational loans to date \$ _____

Have you applied for financial aid through your school's Financial Aid Office for programs such as Pell Grants, Work Study, SEOG, Perkins Loan, etc.? [] yes [] no

Have you received a loan or scholarship previously from the NE Conference or one of its predecessor conferences? [] yes [] no. If yes, do you know from which fund(s)? _____

When? _____ Amount? _____

Estimated expenses for period for which you are applying

Tuition and other school fees	_____
Books and supplies	_____
Housing and food	_____
Travel to and from school	_____
Personal incidentals (e.g. laundry)	_____
Total estimated expenses	\$ _____

Estimated sources of income for period for which you are applying

From parents, friends, spouse or relatives	_____
From loans	_____
Funds on hand	_____
Money earned during school year that can be applied toward school expenses	_____
Other scholarships and loans	_____
Other funds available	_____
Total estimated income	\$ _____

Net Financial Need for the School Year \$ _____

Are there any special circumstances of which the scholarship committee should be aware?

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in this application are correct.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Social Security Number (required) _____

*I declare that I have read the foregoing statements and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are correct.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

***Complete these items only if the applicant qualifies as being a dependent.**

Please return the recommendation to the applicant in a sealed envelope to submit with his/her application.

_____ has requested scholarship funds from the New England Conference for the academic year 2011-12. S/he has specifically requested funds designated for those who are preparing for ordained ministry or some other form of full-time Christian service in the United Methodist Church. Your assistance in filling out this recommendation form will be greatly appreciated.

For what area of ordained ministry or full-time Christian service is the student preparing?

Please offer your assessment of the student's seriousness about and potential for ordained ministry or full-time Christian service:

Name of person completing this form:

Relationship to student:

Contact information:

**Please return to the student to submit with her/his application form in a sealed envelope.
Thank you.**